

New semester, new vandalism



The damaged monitor hangs on the wall in the Twilight Theatre lobby.

Photo courtesy of Public Safety

Sam Monroe
Managing Editor

The spring semester had yet to begin, but for vandals on the Lyndon State campus it was well under way.

More than \$3,000 worth of damage was done before all students were even back on campus.

The television kiosk that sits in the ATT lobby was vandalized on Monday, Jan. 18, between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

The screen appeared to have been either stabbed with a sharp object or punched. The damage is not visible when the screen is off, however when turned on it is obvious the screen is damaged beyond repair.

Currently, the monitor is turned off with a large sign taped over the top of it, explaining what happened.

"The willful destruction of community property for no good reason is pretty sad," Jonathan Davis, associate dean of student affairs writes on the sign.

Dean of Administration Wayne Hamilton is also very discouraged by this act, saying in an e-mail, "This act of vandalism was very discouraging."

New software was installed on the system just before winter break. The software allows the school to advertise events all over campus and attracts people to the screen with catchy designs.

"This is a setback in realizing the full potential of the system, but we will continue to develop and expand the use of the monitors around the campus," Hamilton said.

Public safety is asking that anyone with any information about the monitor

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-Jonathan Davis

please contact them.

"Currently we have no leads coming in," said George Hacking, director of public safety.

"We self-insure up to \$5,000 on a casualty loss, so we are not likely to recover any of the cost," said Hamilton. He went on to say that an order for a new monitor will be placed next week and will cost about \$3,000. The first monitor was partially funded by gifts made to the college from private donors

over the past few years.

Once the monitor is replaced the next question that comes to mind is protecting the new monitor. Hamilton said that the administration is researching the idea of installing security cameras in the lobby.

Hacking says the debate has just begun on the cameras and many topics need to be covered before the installation begins. Hacking says that the college and state college system are very good about doing what is necessary to keep the campus safe, however, there are many legal issues that go into the topic.

The public safety department is also operating short-handed. Charlie Forrest, a public safety officer, has been deployed to Afghanistan, leaving his shift vacant. Hacking is going through the application process to fill the vacancy. Forrest will return next year and resume his normal duties.

Hacking has three full-time officers, two part-time officers and several student patrols that handle the week-ends.

Editor's note: See what students are saying about the incident on page 5.

Reported sexual assault results in false alarm

Ben Holbrook
Critic Editor

The Lyndon State community woke up to disturbing news Tuesday morning after an alleged sexual assault was reported.

A further investigation by police concluded the student, whose identity has not been revealed, filed a false report, according to an e-mail from President Carol Moore to students and faculty. George Hacking, director of public safety, confirmed the report was false and said the state police will be filing charges against the student for filing a false report.

Jonathan Davis, associate dean of student affairs, sent out a campus warning to students and faculty Tuesday morning in regards to the reported sexual assault. The report claimed that an unidentified male had crawled through a first floor window in Stonehenge around 1:00 a.m. At the time of the reported assault, neither a description of the assaulter nor any other suspects were available. Jonathan Davis was not available for further comment at the time of publication.

Hacking stressed the need for students to understand the report filed by the student was false and said, "We are as safe today as we were before the report came in." Hacking acknowledged it would be unwise to not learn from the incident. "We recognize there are ways to get into the residence halls if you really want to," Hacking said, "we have some control over that but it's really the students responsibility to take control."

In order to prevent intruders from getting into the buildings, students need to report people who are propping open doors or leaving windows open, Hacking says. "We need the assistance of the community," he said.

Since the false sexual assault was reported, Public Safety has increased patrols in Stonehenge and specifically in the Crevecoeur area, Hacking said. "One of the more positive side effects of the incident," says Hacking, "is that the patrols are going into suites and finding the suite doors are now being locked."

In regards to handling reports of any kind, Hacking says you must always assume the report is real. When the call went out that an alleged sexual assault had taken place on campus, public safety officers, including two student officers, immediately responded to the area, where they contacted the RHD on duty. At the same time, the state police were notified and arrived on campus and began investigating the incident, Hacking said. Three uniformed officers, one with a canine to search for a possible suspect trail and four detectives were on campus, Hacking said.

"I came in as did Jonathan Davis as soon as we were notified," says Hacking.

Hacking did note the emergency texting system worked well but, "we're still working out some bugs with the email system."

Editor's note: Check the Web site for updates as new information becomes available.

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LSC professor preaches strength when discussing his native Haitian home

Gwen Cook
Critic Staff

It had been about two weeks since an earthquake devastated the island where Haiti resides, and Lyndon State College music professor Jean Charles is optimistic about the country's future.

"The Haitians are strong," he said. "They have a good survival instinct."

Charles, a Haitian native, has relatives on both sides of his family that still live there. He found out about the health of his family and has said that

thankfully they are safe and their house did not crumble.

When asked his thoughts about all that the United States has done thus far, he was very pleased by the immediate outpouring of support.

"The U.S. is traditionally generous and I have no doubt they will give lots of money and help," he said.

Charles thinks that the rebuilding process will go much quicker not only because of the assistance from other countries but because of the Haitians' pure will to survive.

He used the hurricanes which hit the country last year as an example.

Lyndon State College is joining in support of the country with numerous activities planned around campus.

On February 1st, the Music Business and Industry will be performing a concert in the new Academic and Student Activities Center. Students are selling red, blue, and yellow ribbons in the Alexander Twilight Theatre.

"Yellow is the color of hope," says Charles.

Graveyard Shift; zombie cops on duty

Patrick Carr
Critic Staff

"Look you scum bag, you might as well as talk," Chief Detective Lambert leaned over the suspect. "We know you did it." Taking a drag from his cigarette Lambert walked away from the table towards the two-way mirror. Lambert did not give much time for a response. Instead he rushed back over to the table and slammed his fists down. "Talk you sleaze ball," grabbing the man by the jacket collar Lambert pulled him closer, "You don't want to talk to me, fine that's alright." He then thrust the suspect back into his chair. Lambert walked to the door and turned back around while opening it, "We've got someone who'll loosen your mind and make you talk." Slamming the door Lambert swore loudly, "Son of a bitch won't give nothing up." Officer David and his partner Jim were sitting in the observation room. David was wearing his usual black leather jacket out of regulation and an unusually large smile. "So you want me to talk to him uuuhh chief?" David stood up. "Yeah." Lambert grabbed David as he left, "No funny shit." "Relax chief David has got everything under control," Jim assured Lambert. David opened the interrogation room door and let it close slowly on its own as he shuffled over to the table. "My chief tells me you don't want to talk..." David pulled out a chair and sat down.

"Fredrick." The greased up suspect stammered. "Look Fredrick I don't want to be here any more than

you do." David reached for a cigarette in his pocket and held it out first offering it to the suspect. Getting only a blank stare in response David retracted his hand and lit the cigarette. "I've got a beat that I'd rather be patrolling, you talk we can let you go and I can go." David looked deeply at the man. He was a typical junkie with the typical bad hygiene. David hated people with bad hygiene. "Listen up, if you talk I might be able to get you a protection deal so you stand only to gain. We've got your face on camera Fredrick, if you don't speak you're looking at prison time." Looking occasionally back at Fredrick David could see him following with his eyes. David grabbed Fredrick by the shoulders, "Start talking before you lose your mind." "Don't you mean before you lose your own mind?" David lunged forward biting into the mans skull, "Alright you punk you want to do things the hard way." David said amongst Fredrick's screams and the spurting of blood. Biting down David began to chew on the suspect.

"Damnit David!" Lambert pushed through the door, "For fuck's sake!" Pulling David off from the suspect Lambert dragged David out. "You can't keep eating suspects' brains." "He was about to talk." David wiped the bloody hair from his mouth. "That's it David you're off the force, turn in your badge." Lambert held out this hand. David tore his badge off and slammed it into Lambert's hand, "I may not be an officer of the uuuhh law but I'll never

stop putting fear into the minds of criminals." Lambert went off to his office while David shuffled out. Jim walked into Lambert's office narrowly dodging Lambert throwing David's badge. "Get the hell out Jim I don't want to hear it." "Look chief you know David just has his own style." "He's a fucking zombie I should never have hired him in the first place." "That's racist and you just don't understand, you have no idea the life he has had." Jim put his badge on Lambert's desk, "You have no idea what it's like to grow up with no parents, because you ate them!" With that Jim walked out of Lambert's office.

AMS members prepare for New York Storm Conference

Madison Cox
News Editor

Students in LSC's American Meteorological Society will be hosting the annual Northeastern Storm Conference in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. from March 5-7, and it will feature many student and professional speakers.

This year's conference will include multiple speakers and presentations, with three keynote speakers. They will be Dr. Roger Wakimoto from the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo., Bill Murtaugh of the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, and Harvey Leonard, a television broadcaster from the Boston area for over 30 years.

"Everyone in attendance has an exceptional educational and networking opportunity," AMS president Tony McGee said. "We work in a field where knowing people and having the most up-to-

date knowledge is so incredibly important."

According to McGee, part of the reason the club wins national awards is the annual conferences' successes. The conference benefits atmospheric science majors by providing them with leadership experience, he said.

AMS hosts a variety of fundraisers to help pay for the conference, which is being held at the Saratoga Hilton Hotel.

"All of our fundraisers, including the car wash, first inch contest, talent show, and winter ball go towards funding this event," McGee said. "The money budgeted by SGA and conference registration cost help to cover the rest. We do not pay our speakers. The costs of the hotel space and food make up the largest portion of the bill."

Roughly 30 AMS members attend the conference every year. Being active in the club gives students a registration discount as an incentive.

Weekend weather

Kevin Kelly
Student Meteorologist

Friday Afternoon

Scattered snow showers. Accumulations less than half an inch up to an inch possible above 1500'. Highs 0-5 degrees. West winds 15-20 MPH with gusts as high as 30 MPH. Wind chills as low as -15 to -20 degrees.

Friday Night

Mostly cloudy lows -5 to 0 degrees. West winds 15-20 MPH with gusts as high as 50 MPH. Wind chills as low as -35 degrees.

Saturday Afternoon

Mostly sunny highs 10-15 degrees. Northwest winds 5-10 MPH.

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Letter to the Editor: ASAC is for sale

To the Editor:

Last semester, I stirred up a minor controversy when I wrote a letter to the Critic's editor ("New building should be named for honor, not cash" -October 16, 2009). I was reacting to a Critic article that appeared in the September 11, 2009, edition.

Here is a quote from that article: "Got \$3 million? Know somebody who does? That's what it will cost a private donor to name the new Academic and Student Activities Center, says Bob Whittaker, Dean of Institutional Advancement." In my letter, I proposed that the decision makers name our beautiful new ASAC building after a person or group who had worked hard on behalf of Lyndon State College or the Vermont State Colleges. I mentioned as worthy candidates former Vermont Governors Phil Hoff and Madeline Kunin, Merle Woodall, the

founder of the LSC Meteorology (Atmospheric Sciences) Department, John Downs, a legendary lawyer and former Vermont legislator, and Graham Newell, a legendary teacher, former Vermont legislator and St. Johnsbury native. I also suggested we honor the parents of LSC students present and future. After all, it is they who will shoulder much of the financial burden of its construction.

LSC President Carol Moore and Gary W. Moore, the Chair of the Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees quickly responded ("Naming rights not for sale" -Critic -October 30, 2009). They emphasized that the college's fundraising activities had been "mischaracterized," and added: ".... we make no apologies for including a criterion that could result in the naming of a building after a major donor. While no donor may expect the naming of a

building as a quid pro quo, donors should not be excluded from consideration for their contribution. Contributions of substantial sums of money are no less important to the vitality of a college than are the qualities Prof. Sturm attributes to his suggested nominees."

And finally, the Critic's editor Ben Holbrook attempted to clarify a "misunderstanding" ("Nameless fault over ASAC" -November 6, 2009). In so doing, he confirmed that the original article was an accurate account of electronic communication between his reporter and Dean of Institutional Advancement Bob Whittaker.

Consider Holbrook's comment: "Another point to consider: Whittaker gave the \$3 million figure via e-mail. I find it hard to believe the Critic 'mischaracterized' a number and a statement issued through an e-mail,

which was later repeated verbatim in the actual article."

So, the Critic's readers might conclude, as I do, that the Critic accurately reported on LSC's attempts to find a wealthy donor who will contribute a large sum of money in exchange for the opportunity to name the ASAC. The sum of three million dollars was mentioned.

Despite their protests and "clarifications," the LSC administration has not done or said anything to directly refute the facts as originally presented. The VSC Board of Trustees policy values the contributions of major money donors as much as it does the contributions of those who've dedicated their professional and personal lives to higher education.

Dr. Moore and Mr. Moore would have to request a sanity check on any major donor who does not expect a quid pro quo under these circum-

stances. Try to imagine the following exchange actually happening:

Wealthy donor: "Dr. Moore, I feel lucky. Here's three million dollars. Just throw my name into the hat with the names of all those other worthy candidates!"

Dr. Moore: "Will do! Good luck!"

Yeah, the right to name the ASAC building is for sale.

Sincerely, Timothy Miles Sturm, Ph.D. Professor of Education and Special Education.

P.S. An interested student of local history might wish to research the following questions and report back to the Critic's readers:

1. Who named LSC's other buildings?
2. Which process did he/she or they follow?
3. Did any money ever change hands?

Words of Wisdom: Metamorphosis

Arianna Millington
Web Editor

A complicated yet fascinating project on clouds inspired me to be a meteorologist forecaster in 4th grade. Since then, that's the only occupation I've ever wanted! I NEVER thought about any other future occupation. I'm just so sure that

this is it!

Many people have unsuccessfully tried to persuade me to stray away from my dream, but no matter how long it takes, I WILL become a meteorologist forecaster. That is why I'm not embarrassed or ashamed at all about sharing my recent painful news: I failed two of my first semester classes: Pre-Calculus and Sur-

vey of Meteorology I. There are various reasons as to why this happened. Some include the fact that I'm weaker in Math and Science and stronger in English. Can't you tell I love writing? Anyway, the other HUGE reason I failed is because, though I have awesome time-management skills, I lack priority skills. I over-work myself, joining every club I like, and helping every person who asks. Even though I did study hard and went to tutoring almost every night, my focus

wasn't on work at all!

I was so devastated when I got my letter stating I was on academic probation, I even cried a little. My first thought was: "But I worked SO hard!!!!" and I did work hard, but unfortunately it was all on the wrong things at the time. Since I've been back on campus, I'm a little less upset about being on academic probation, seeing that a lot of freshmen didn't do so well. But I'm still disappointed. So my school mentor and I had to develop a plan for success

this semester.

Application: Don't wait till it's too late! Don't let things get as bad as possible. Try to acknowledge and change your behavior if it conflicts with your grades, health, or any other priority. It might take a trusted outside opinion, it might be hard, and you might cry, but like Oprah said you can't be the same as you are now and be what you NEED to be.

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Always happy and thirsty. That was the legend on a beer mug I once owned, but I never was much of a drinker. How then did strict drinking laws end up involving me in not one, but two motorcycle accidents either of which could have been fatal?

How is this possible. Simple. I grew up in a state that set its minimum at age 21, while only a few miles away, a neighboring state thought 18 was old enough to bend the elbow. I may not have been a drinker, but my friends sure were. I was often joining them on trips "upstate" where they could belly up to the bar and down a few cold ones.

On one of those jaunts, I

was a passenger on a friend's Harley and we almost made it back safely. But he took that last turn a little too fast and I learned what it feels like to have skin removed from your tailbone as you slide down a paved road on your rear. On another, I was riding my own BMW without lights. Don't worry, my friends said, we'll be back before dark. But one drink led to another and nightfall didn't wait. No problem, they said, just follow our lights. But there was that unanticipated torn up section of asphalt and I went down when I hit it. That one peeled a bunch of skin from my forehead and broke a collarbone.

Years before, while hitchhiking through Wyoming, I ran into a bunch of kids from Salt Lake City who regularly came up from Utah to drink

and then there were the kids from Seattle who went to Vancouver to drink.

The only argument I see for keeping Vermont's drinking age at 21 is to benefit those kids in Massachusetts, New York, and New Hampshire who will start trekking up here if we drop the bar to 18.

So let's all do it. When the voting age is 18 and young men can fight and die for their Republican or Democratic leaders in some far-off place that means nothing to Americans who can't even spell Afghanistan, let alone find it on a map, why do we want to turn young men and women into criminals?

Instead let's keep drinking at home or in the dorm where it's safe and keep it off the road where it's not.

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Maintenance employee saves money; earth

Avery Williams
Critic Staff

How would you feel if you could make a round trip to Virginia from Vermont in a Ford Excursion for less than five dollars in fuel?

Better yet what if you could get more than half of your fuel for free, lower your carbon footprint and help cut costs for LSC and the Community? This is what Dan Martin has done.

It was in the spring of 2008 that Martin was given an opportunity to make this change. ARAMARK was asking LSC employees for ideas on how to more cost effectively dispose of their frying oil. Martin knew right away that he wanted to use this in the new diesel SUV he purchased.

When looking into ways of using the oil the idea of biodiesel came up, but due to the harsh chemicals required for the process Martin did not want to create a risk for his family. Instead, spending some time researching online he was able to find a safe and

effective use of the bio fuel he had been collecting. It was on a Ford consumer forum that he found his answer. It was a dual fuel system that could be added directly to his current diesel system.

Over the next couple weeks Martin spent a couple hours finding which of these systems would be the wisest investment. "You get what you pay for," was the response he found. Many of the products were foreign made and either had problems with compatibility or were not of a quality to last, and the most recommended product was also the most expensive; with it Martin has certainly gotten what he paid for.

It only runs on diesel long enough to heat the vegetable oil to 160 degrees F then it switches over to run entirely on bio fuel. As expected this process takes longer in the winter than summer, but Martin says after nine miles or so of Diesel driving in the weather like today it would be ready to run the bio fuel.

"It runs about half and half" said Martin on how

much diesel he burns to fryer oil in the winter. On short trips it does not take full advantage of the system, but under the right conditions it works extremely well. Last summer during some one of the warmer spells Martin made a round trip to Virginia from Vermont and only used two gallons of diesel to the 90 gallons of bio fuel. This may just be one extreme example of what it is capable of, but at least it is a good one.

Martin said that anyone with some experience as a back yard mechanic, the time and the money for the initial investment could handle the instillation, but don't go rushing out and buying yours right yet. There is one problem, and it's where you can get a steady and reliable source of relatively clean vegetable oil. Martin gets his from ARAMARK and the Pub Outback, but for the rest of you out there who are interested you will just have to ask around to see if you can find something for yourself.

Metamorphosis

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Example: When I went to see my mentor I thought I'd just beg for mercy and promise to study and focus more, but she demanded REAL action. After seeing my intricate schedule with 15 credits, a work-study job, and six clubs, she made me cut back to two clubs.

She made it clear that in order to become what I dream to be, I had to do some changing, but I really couldn't cut down on staying busy. It's not even about any of the specific clubs themselves. I just HAVE to stay busy. Reluctantly I gave up some activities and this subject is so fresh, we're still working on my schedule.

I love the fact that my mentor is helping me. With no parents here, someone has to dish out all the tough love, so don't think she's mean or anything. She made it so clear that sometimes I will have to give up old ways or what feels like parts of who I am in order to succeed in the future.

Candidates commented very little on college costs

Steve Cormier
Lead Reporter

When they did get to mentioning the importance of a college education the five Democratic candidates for governor did not elaborate much on costs at Monday night's candidate forum.

Little talk of college costs added irony in that the event – Secretary of State Deborah Markowitz, Senate President Pro Tempore Peter Shumlin, State Senators Susan Bartlett and Douglas Racine and former State Senator Matt Dunne in attendance – was being held at the most expensive of Vermont's institutions of higher learning: the University of Vermont in Burlington.

In addition, news from earlier in the day that legislation being crafted in Washington, DC was putting the future of the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation in question – many students at Vermont colleges turn to

VSAC for financial aid – did not seem to affect the few minutes of discussion concerning money either.

One of the big issues in Vermont's higher education has always been tuition debt

ranks 50th in the nation for state support for higher education, said Racine.

Though advocating the importance of a college education – "Today a high school diploma is not adequate" –

Berryman begins work in new role

Nicholas Russo
News Correspondent

Atmospheric Science professor Dr. Bruce Berryman has a new position here on campus, surprisingly unrelated to weather. He has been hired by Lyndon State College through a grant funded project to become the director of college assessment.

The purpose of his new role is to examine administrative departments at Lyndon and make sure they are as effective as they should be in their respective areas. These departments include the registrar's office, financial aid office, academic programs, etc. He will also be taking a look at whether or not the college is addressing and meeting the overall needs of the student community.

For many years, Berryman has done work relating to the assessment of college affairs which made him a natural choice for this position. Regarding the college's decision to create this job, Berryman said "The need for assessment has become stronger in recent years, and several groups such as the NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) want to have it done properly. I went through the application process, was interviewed, and am thrilled to have gotten the job."

The position requires a

two year commitment, and as a result, Berryman will be taking a leave of absence from the faculty, starting this semester. However, that does not mean he will not be teaching at all in the next two years, as he will continue to teach Climate Science and Statistics.

Berryman is unsure if he will return to teaching after his term is up, saying he wants to remain focused on the task at hand.

In recent years, Berryman has cut back on the number of classes he teaches and as a result, his leave of absence is not placing a sudden burden on the department. Dr. Jay Shafer and Dr. Nolan Atkins are the only full time atmospheric science professors remaining.

Shafer said that originally, the department was supposed to have four full time professors. However because of the shaky economic situation, the school cannot afford to hire replacements.

Atkins and Shafer have taken on a heavier teaching load, and the department has hired several part-time professors to teach extra classes.

"The teaching schedule is dynamic and changing. We are currently able to meet the needs of the program, but I do not think it is an ideal situation for the students or faculty," said Shafer.



Photo by Steve Cormier

Speaking is former state senator Matt Dunne; seated is moderator Chris Graff.

for students because Vermont

Racine was left stumped on

how to garner state support for its institutions of higher learning.

He warned that the consequence Vermont and the United States face for not backing such public support would be losing out to other nations, China in particular, when it comes to students.

"There is no greater calling we have in this state," said Dunne, "then to make sure we provide our students at... higher education the best possible education," adding that the education needs to be "accessible" to students all the way through college.

He briefly talked of his proposal to create a "Student Service Scholarship Program" as governor, where any Vermont high school graduate who attends an instate school and commits two years of service – service he left undefined – could leave college without debt.

Shumlin, though not addressing costs directly, wants

to advocate a new "partnership with higher education" if elected governor, seeing a correlation between the fate of Vermont's institutions of higher learning and employment.

"Right now in Vermont job growth is the single most important thing we must achieve," said Shumlin, seeing new tech jobs on the horizon "as we move from our addiction on oil" and that students must be properly trained for.

For her part Markowitz said that not everyone is bound for one of the state colleges but that if not they needed to find a career.

"We need each one of our children to graduate with a career or college," said Markowitz. "College isn't right for everyone so a career or college."

What all five candidates made sure to be clear about though was their belief in education as the cornerstone of a society.

"What should LSC do about the vandalized television?"

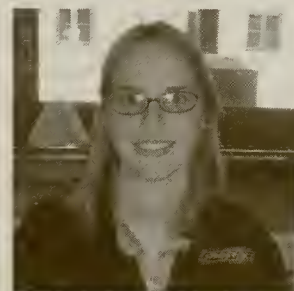
Interviews by Madison Cox, Sarah Aube, Michelle Berry and Joe Rivet



Katrina Seymour, sophomore

"It's really very sad that someone did something that we all will suffer from. It's not fair."

"It's going to cost a lot of money to repair the damage, and I don't think that we all should have to pay for something someone else did when we are not guilty."



Leah Morgan, sophomore



Abigail Serra, sophomore

"I think it's awful and I think that they should ask around to see if anyone knows anything about who did it."

"I think there is no possible way to find out who vandalized the TV, but they should feel guilty enough to come forward. I think we should be grateful for the things we have on campus."



Robin Taylor, psychology sophomore



Mariah Ogden, psychology sophomore

"LSC should bill the students for it because if they have to keep paying for new things they'll stop breaking things."

"What I think they should do and what they're going to do are two different things. They should increase surveillance and Public Safety should be walking around all the time."



Kenny Potwin, TVS sophomore



Casey Morrison, graphic design senior

"It's unfortunate that it happened. If they wanted an outlet for their negative energy toward the administration, there are better outlets."

"Find them, expel them, make them pay. They have to be at least 18, so they should know the difference between right and wrong. They don't need to be here."



Richard Joseph, TVS freshman



Joe Biega, TVS sophomore

"I think we should take action to replace it, and to stress not to break our own stuff in the community. We should start up a donation to fix it."

"LSC should try to find out who broke the tv, but not make other students pay to replace it."



Shane Flurry, freshman



Sonny Edwards, sophomore

"It cost a lot of money but it was not serving any purpose being there so I would rather see them not replace it."

Season starts to heat up: The Hornet Report:

Lady Hornets look to do same

Sebastian C. Lury
Sports Editor

For the women's basketball team, the idea of "you win some, you lose some" is not just a saying, but an actuality.

Through the first 14 games of the season, including five conference games, the Lady Hornets have managed to both win and lose seven games. With an even record, the team looks to push toward a playoff berth and must go through conference opponents to get there.

"It's been an up and down season thus far," said head coach Vincent Maloney in an e-mail. "With the team being so young, we've really struggled with consistency throughout each contest, specifically on the defense side of the ball and turnovers. It becomes a real challenge to win basketball games when you are poor in those two departments."

The last nine games of the regular season are all in-conference games with six of the nine coming away from Stannard Gymnasium. The Lady Hornets aren't riding a huge wave of momentum either, having lost six of their last nine games including falling to North Atlantic Conference (NAC) rivals Johnson State on Tuesday night.

"[Tuesday] night's contest was a minor setback conference wise," said Maloney. "With a win, we could have

been in the driver seat for a playoff seed, but that just means we have to regroup and focus on the next game."

Currently, the Lady Hornets rank sixth in the conference but have a chance to still make the playoffs, if not more.

"It's a bit early to tell how the conference will shape out, but we're probably going to need five wins to get into the playoffs," said Maloney. "But, we're aiming for six and hopefully a home playoff game in the first round."

Maloney says the team is not lacking when it comes to what they put into getting better and that the problems they have can only improve as the season develops.

"Overall, I'm extremely pleased with the ladies and their efforts," he said. "The growing pains will pass and when that happens, this team is going to be very tough and can beat anyone remaining on our schedule. They come to practice every day ready to learn and get better. As a coach I couldn't ask for more."

Since the beginning of the semester, freshman forward Donna Lawson has been named the NAC rookie of the week for three consecutive weeks.

Maloney feels that the team will only get better as they gain experience.

"The future certainly looks bright," he said.

Winter sports return from break

Hockey

As winter weather sets in, the hockey club looks to stay hot.

After dropping its last three games of the semester, the Lyndon State College hockey club started the unofficial second half of the season with a win.

The hockey club defeated Tufts University 2-1 Sunday on the road. The team improved their record to 4-7 with five games remaining before conference quarterfinals.

Results

1/24/2010 @ Tufts University (Veteran's Memorial) (W) 2-1

Upcoming Events

1/30/10 @ Springfield College 4 p.m.
2/1/10 vs. Norwich University 7:15 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Results

12/12/09 vs. New England College (L) 78-59
1/10/10 vs. Middlebury College (L) 70-47
1/12/10 vs. Green Mountain College (W) 67-29

1/19/10 vs. Castleton State College (L) 74-62
1/22/10 vs. U-Maine Farmington (L) 65-53
1/23/10 vs. Thomas College (W) 79-69
1/26/10 @ Johnson State College (L) 70-62

Upcoming Events

1/29/10 @ Maine Maritime Academy 8 p.m.
1/30/10 @ Husson University 4 p.m.
2/2/10 @ Green Mountain College 5:30 p.m.

Standings (North Atlantic Conference):

Monroe Doctrine: just walk away

Sam Mornoe
Managing Editor

269 start starts, 169 wins, 69,329 total passing yards, 497 touchdown passes, 11 Pro Bowls, and a Super Bowl win. That's enough for almost anybody to call it a career in the NFL, but not Brett Lorenzo Favre.

Brett has put us through this dance before, hasn't he? Will he stay or will he go?

The past three seasons the last pass of his career with his current team has been an interception that has cost his team the game.

In the National Football Conference Championship Game three years ago in Green Bay, Favre threw a pick to the New York Giants in the frozen tundra. We all know how that ended, Lawrence Tynes kicks the long field goal and the Giants advance and beat the Patriots in Super Bowl XLII.

Last season, in a New York uniform, Brett the Jet crumbled, and I mean crumbled. Although he was somewhat named to the Pro Bowl,

he was the league leader in interceptions. The last pass he tossed was a limp duck right into the open arms of a Miami defender, sending the Jets packing.

After shoulder surgery, Brett was ready to come back... again... for like the twelfth time in his career. This time he suited up with the Vikings. Wow, wait a minute. Mr. Green Bay Packer, a Lambeau Legend, put on purple? Did I hear that right? He put on the purple helmet and took snaps in the Metrodome? Really, Mr. Packer did that?

Yes he did. He betrayed his former team and all of his fans. Some could deal when he left for New York, but I hope most bailed off of the Brett bandwagon when he put on purple and gold.

Despite being behind enemy lines, Brett had one of his best seasons in the NFL, maybe proving he can still play. Until the NFC Championship game. The grandfather of the NFL was tossed around by the Saints defense like a puppy playing with a brand new toy.

Brett blew it. With his team in good field position and looking to get into field goal range for fellow ex-Packer Ryan Longwell to win the game and send the Vikings to a showdown with the Colts in Super Bowl XLIV, he blew it. Favre took the snap and, looking for an open receiver but finding none, he started to scramble. He could have picked up five or maybe ten yards if he continued to run. Instead, he threw across his body and a Saint defender stepped in front of the ball, interception, to save the game and set up overtime. In overtime, the Saints marched down the field and won the game and the NFC championship.

Brett Favre needs to walk away. He *really* needs to. He holds almost every record he can as a quarterback. He has a championship. Now he fails to preform well in big games; he is a choker. At least at this stage in his career.

If he wants to save his legacy, he needs to walk away before it gets worse.

Husson University	8-8 (5-0)
Castleton State College	10-6 (4-1)
U-Maine Farmington	6-8 (4-2)
Maine Maritime Academy	8-8 (3-2)
Johnson State College	6-10 (3-2)
Lyndon State College	7-7 (2-3)
Green Mountain College	5-10 (0-5)
Thomas College	1-13 (0-6)

Men's Basketball

Results

12/12/09 vs. New England College (W) 101-79
12/13/09 @ Dartmouth College (L) 83-54
1/10/10 vs. Middlebury College (L) 97-69
1/12/10 vs. Green Mountain College (W) 98-84
1/19/10 vs. Castleton State College (L) 81-67
1/22/10 vs. U-Maine Farmington (L) 81-61
1/23/10 vs. Thomas College (L) 87-80
1/26/10 @ Johnson State College (W) 77-75

Upcoming Events

1/29/10 @ Maine Maritime Academy 6 p.m.
1/30/10 @ Husson University 2 p.m.
2/2/10 @ Green Mountain College 7:30 p.m.

Standings (North Atlantic Conference):

Thomas College	12-2 (4-1)
Castleton State College	10-6 (4-1)
Husson University	10-6 (4-1)
U-Maine Farmington	4-10 (4-1)
Lyndon State College	6-9 (2-3)
Maine Maritime Academy	5-11 (1-4)
Green Mountain College	4-10 (1-4)
Johnson State College	4-12 (0-5)



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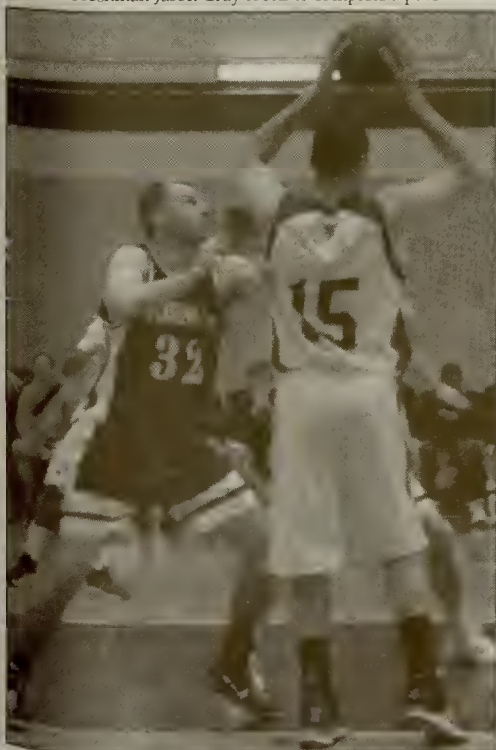
Young Hornets don't score like their opponents



Lyndon's D.J. Campbell shoots a free throw to complete a four-point play in last Friday's 81-61 loss to U-Maine Farmington at Stannard Gymnasium. Photos by Sebastian C. Lury



Above: Sophomore Jose Fortunato battles for a loose ball.
Below: Freshman Jason Gray looks to complete a pass.



Sebastian C. Lury
Sports Editor

The men's basketball team isn't outscoring their opponents, but may still score a berth in the playoffs.

Through the first 15 games of the season, the Hornets have been outscored by a combined score of 1,266 to 1,201. Despite the 265 point spread, the team sits at 6-9 (2-3) on the year and are currently fifth in the North Atlantic Conference (NAC) standings. With 10 games remaining, all in-conference, the team still has a chance of making the playoffs.

"We are encouraged heading into the final [10] games of the NAC season," said head coach Joe Krupinski in an e-mail. "Though we would have liked to have won a few of our recent home games, our goal from Day one of the season has been to play better as we get deeper into the league schedule and be playing our best at the end of the year - something that did not really happen for us last season. I am confident that if we continue to work to get better that we can reach that goal and get into the league playoffs."

Having lost four of their first six games this semester, the team is looking to build off of a road win on Tuesday against conference rivals Johnson State.

"[Tuesday] night was our first road game of this semester, so it was really our first chance to see how we react to a road game," said Krupinski. "I thought we showed some good toughness. That is important for teams to bring when they face

difficult environments away from home. We were a decent road team in the league last year as well, so I don't believe that playing away from home will bother us as we continue to travel for the next four games."

Krupinski says that despite the expectations of good play on the road, the team would rather play in the confines of Stannard Gymnasium.

"Like any team," he said, "we prefer to play at home where we are familiar with the surroundings, can maintain our regular routine and play in front of our home crowd, which has been great so far this season."

One of the differences between this semester and last, however, is the roster.

"The changes in our roster have had a few effects on us," said Krupinski. "Most notably we have backed off of our full-court pressure some and are playing more defense in the half court with our change in personnel. We are also playing some more zone defense in order to play some bigger lineups and get some of our forwards who have been playing pretty well more time."

The changes aren't confined to just the defense.

"Our offensive approach hasn't really changed too much - we still want to push the ball and get good shots," said Krupinski. "Obviously, Avery [King] was a big part of what we did in the first semester, particularly on the offensive end. We will continue to need some other guys to step up as they did the last few games for the remainder of the season and are excited about the

possibility of having Avery re-join our group next season."

The team has only two seniors on the roster and no juniors, which means the team doesn't have a lot of experience.

"It is true that we are definitely a young team and are relying heavily on freshmen and sophomores to carry us to a great degree down the stretch," said Krupinski. "They have mostly all been playing significant minutes from the start of the season, however, so they are hopefully becoming more experienced as we go along. I think the main drawback of playing with so many younger players is our level of consistency is not always what we would hope for. But I do think it is a talented group and if we can continue to gain confidence our youth won't matter once we get towards the end of the year."

The point difference is something that the Hornets look to correct in order to continue playing after the end of the regular season.

"I think to make a run at a playoff berth and then play well once we get in, we will need to be a little tougher on the defensive end and take pride in stopping the other team when we need to, particularly in close games," said Krupinski. "I also think we will definitely need to take care of the ball better on offense and get good shots - when we do those two things, we are a tough team to guard because we do have a lot of guys who can score in different ways."

The team plays six of the final ten games on the road.

Auditions for spring musical RENT



Above: Arianna Millington and Adam Rutt perform a script reading at Tuesday's audition. Photo by Eric Wayne. Right: Nadine Grimley reads for the role of Maureen. Photo by Eric Wayne. Below: The group gathers together on the stage. Photo by Adam Rutt.

Aimee Lawton
Entertainment Editor

The Broadway musical RENT is coming to the Alexander Twilight Stage.

Auditions for "RENT" were held on both Tuesday and Wednesday night at 6 p.m. in ASAC 100. In addition to some of the familiar faces seen on the Twilight

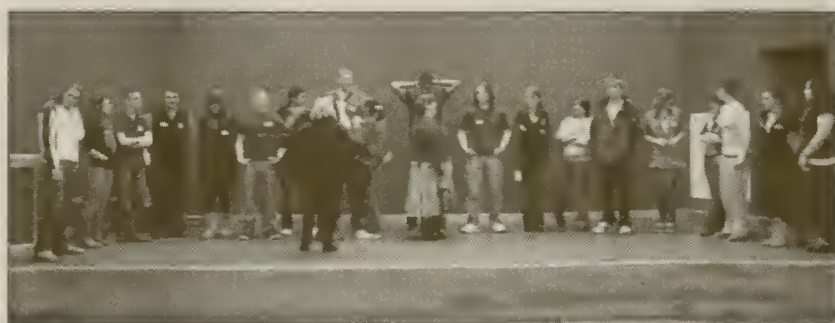
stage in past shows, a lot of new faces were also seen at RENT auditions, ready to express their talents.

Every person who auditioned had their picture taken, and was asked to sing both individually and as part of a group. Director Melissa Leonard expressed that it was important to hear everyone sing as a lot of strong singers

are needed for this show.

Many who auditioned also had the opportunity to show off their skills as actors and actresses through small group skits and brief script readings.

The cast of RENT will be announced as soon as decisions are made, with rehearsals beginning shortly after. The show will open in late April.



Cooking with Cook:

A new year, a healthy new you

Gwen Cook
Critic Staff

Like many others, I indulged too much during the semester break and during the holidays. When all was said and done my scale was up a little higher than before and I was freaking out.

It's never too late to make a resolution to get into shape. If the temptation to skip dinner and eat junk food gets too great, I just remind myself of that dreaded scale...and that salads are simple to make.

Breakfast bowl
1 apple, cored and sliced
1 banana, sliced
½ cup red grapes
1 cup vanilla yogurt
1/8th tsp cinnamon
½ cup granola

Directions-
Put all of the apple slices and grapes in a bowl. Scoop the yogurt over the fruit. Spread banana slices on top of the yogurt. Top with cinnamon and granola

Chicken Caesar Salad
1 cup romaine lettuce, shredded
2 tbsp Parmesan cheese
½ cup croutons
½ cup chopped grilled chicken
Light Caesar dressing

Directions-
Mix together the lettuce, the cheese, and the chicken. Add desired amount of dressing. Top with croutons.

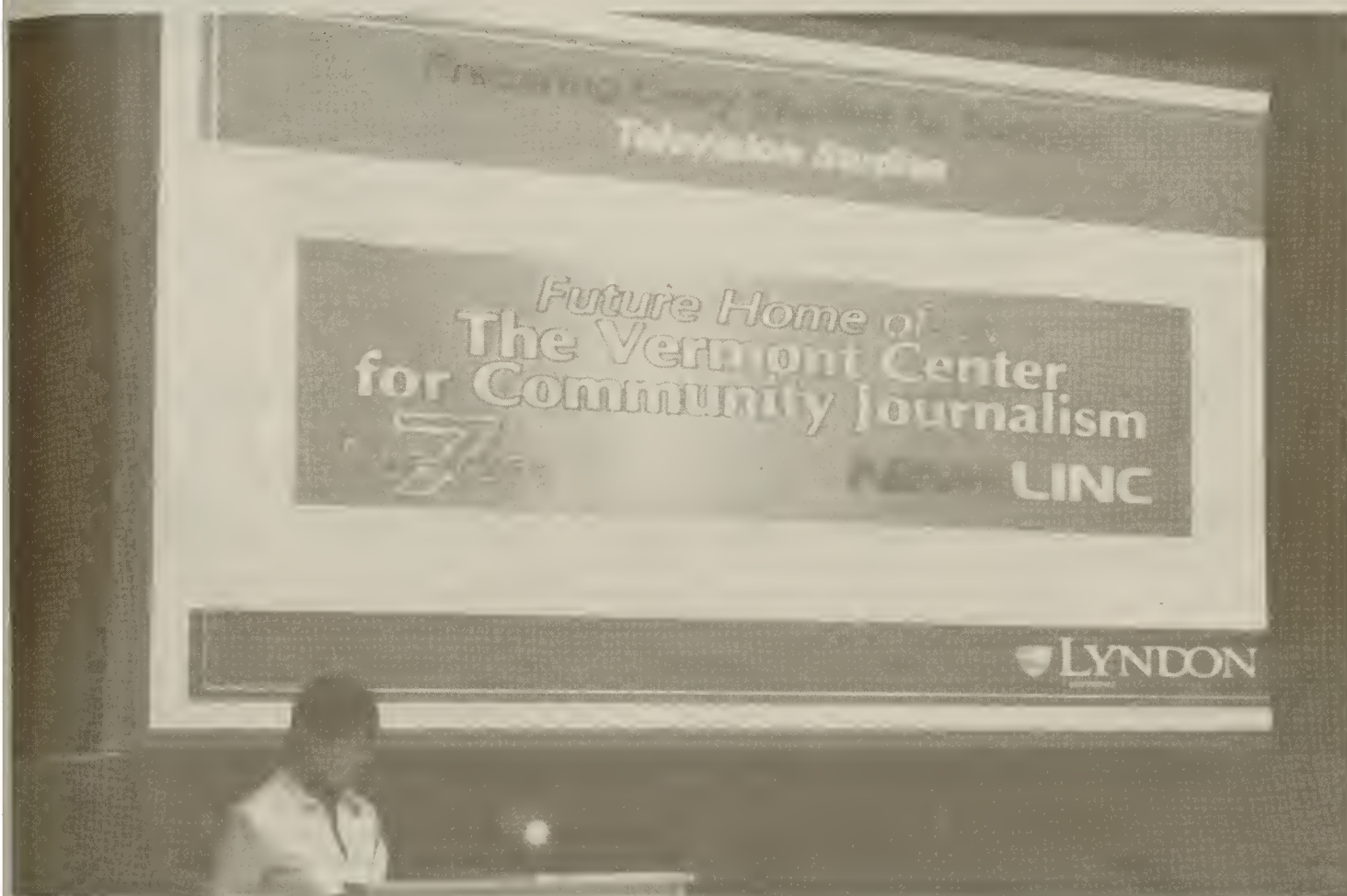
Pizza Salad
1 cup of rotini, cooked

2 tbsp olive oil
1 green pepper, chopped
1 tomato, diced
¼ tomato sauce
½ pepperoni, diced
½ cup of mozzarella cheese, shredded
½ cup croutons
2 tbsp onion, chopped

Directions-
In a large bowl, mix together all of the ingredients. Cover and allow to cool in the refrigerator for 1 hour before eating.



State of the college address puts focus on students



Donna Dalton, dean of academic and student affairs, talks about changes coming to the television studies department.

Photo by Sam Monroe

Nick Russo
Critic Staff

Students and programs were the headline at this year's state of the college address.

The exercise science department is now one of only five programs in the country to be granted accreditation by both NSCA (National Strength and Conditioning Association) and CAAHEP (Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs), Donna Dalton, dean of academic and student affairs, proudly announced at the address on Jan. 29.

The day was focused more on students and academic programs rather than numbers and the financial aspect of the college.

Three Lyndon students, Amanda Winter, Nick Barnets, and Adam Rutt, had an opportunity to briefly tell those in attendance how Lyndon helped them "step out of the box".

Amanda led a student trip to Russia, Nick got real life experience in broadcasting through News 7 and Adam has been able to play sports and become a leader on the campus.

The presentation went on to examine several of Lyndon's strongest programs and the way in which they are morphing to meet the needs of an ever changing world. The program set to undergo the biggest change will be television studies, as it will be completely revamped with content to prepare students for reporting across multiple platforms.

The program's name will be changed to the "Department of Electronic Journalism Arts". As part of the new program, the requirements for journalistic writing will increase, and the curriculum will include many courses from the English journalism program.

The afternoon's most emotionally engaging moment was featured as part of the discussion on financial aid. Freshman Shera Howe explained how a new needs-based grant initiative called the Lyndon Promise has changed her life's path in the best possible way. She comes from a low-income family that lives in a small town where jobs are few and financial hardship is great.

"As I reached the end of high school, I didn't think college was an option because it

would be too financially challenging, but then I remembered Lyndon," Howe told the audience. "After a phone call to the admissions office, I applied for, and was awarded, the Promise scholarship, which brought in the final sum of money needed for my first year. I made the dean's list first semester, the professors and staff are amazing, always willing to help and very personable. Regardless of what the future holds financially, I am extremely grateful to have had at least one year here."

The Promise grant awards first year students a renewable scholarship (up to four years) ranging from \$3,000 to \$5,000 based on the student. The student however, must uphold their end of the promise as well; students who receive it must maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA to be eligible for renewal. The scholarship is "not just for dean's list students," said Wayne Hamilton, dean of administration.

The promise scholarship is part of Lyndon's ongoing commitment to first generation college students who otherwise may not have a chance to pursue higher education. About

85 percent of Lyndon students receive financial assistance of some kind, with 72 percent of that coming in the form of loans, 25 percent from grants, and three percent from student work opportunities. Exit interviews from students dropping out point to financial struggles as the main reason to leave.

Athletics at Lyndon continue to show growth, and four teams (women's volleyball, women's tennis, and men's and women's cross country), made it to the NAC championship rounds in the fall semester. Athletic director Chris Ummer placed special emphasis on the strong GPA's of many student athletes last semester.

Ummer says a keystone of the upcoming strategic plan for athletics at Lyndon is to make 3.0 the minimum GPA for student-athletes. He also mentioned plans to enhance athletic facilities and strengthen recruiting programs.

Newly appointed director of college assessment Bruce Berryman closed out the speech with a look at the ongoing progress assessing the college's various programs.

Berryman is working in conjunction with several review boards and organizations. Some surveys have been conducted and more reports are expected to be filed later this year, Berryman said.

Those who were unable to attend the state of the college address and are interested in further detail can find the complete slideshow which accompanied the address on blackboard under My Organizations.

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Stellar GPA's and seniority rewarded through revamped housing policy

Madison Cox
News Editor

Students at LSC who excelled academically last semester will be rewarded soon.

Those with the most credits and highest cumulative GPA will have first choice for living arrangements in the 2010-2011 year.

When students begin signing up for rooms on campus in April the system will be designed in a different way from the past, according to Erin Rossetti, assistant director of residential life. Instead of waiting in line on a first-come, first-serve basis, students will choose their rooms based on the number of credits they have, and their GPA at the end of the fall 2009 semester.

"It [the change] was actually based on feedback from last year," said Rossetti. "We're seeing a lot more people interested in living on campus. There were some concerns, and we want to make this as stress-free as possible."

In order to be assigned a room in any residence hall, a student must have paid a \$200 housing deposit by April 19 and be registered for at

least 12 credits. According to Rossetti, these things will be strictly enforced.

A list of student account numbers will be posted on the window of the office of Student Life, along with the number of credit hours and GPA of each student. Students will then go to Room 100 in the Academic and Student Activities Center to sign up for a room during his or her specified time.

Rita Bole Complex Eligibility:

- Must be a junior or senior (60+credits). Left over spaces will go to sophomore students (30-59 credits).
- Must have a clear judicial record, determined by Department of Student Life.
- Must sign up for RBC selection in Student Life office by April 2.

Rita Bole sign-ups will take place first on April 20. Juniors and seniors will be considered for the residence hall first. In the past, students needed to have a full suite of six people in order to sign up. This will no longer be required in the housing selection.

Because of the high demand for Rita Bole, students who are interested will need to sign up for consideration by April 2.

On April 21, students choosing to live in any of the Stonehenge buildings will sign up. This night will also allow sophomores to choose Rita Bole if there are any available spaces.

While the new process is intended to be easier for both students and administration, there are still concerns.

"I'm in a suite right now that works really well with each other, and I don't want it to change because of a different selection process," Lauren Turmel, a junior graphic design major living in Rita Bole said. "Last year we were able to hold our suites; this year it's based on your credits and how high your GPA is."

However, Rossetti believes that this new system will be more effective than past ones.

"We're certainly trying to take feedback," she said. "We want to make a well-oiled process."

Legal drinking age may no longer be adequate for colleges

Ben Holbrook
Critic Editor

When alcohol is the number one drug problem in the country for young adults under the age of 21, what is the answer to such a dilemma?

There isn't one, but one college professor is working at solving the question.

Dr. David Jernigan, a professor of health, behavior and society from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, addressed this issue on campus before a group consisting of counselors and health professionals with only a few students mixed in. Jernigan's predominant talking point dealt with why the legal drinking age should stay at 21.

The lecture covered the areas of research being conducted on how to prevent, or

at least reduce, the number of underage drinkers in the country, while also highlighting successful strategies for preventing underage drinking.

However, despite reductions in the number of alcohol related traffic fatalities and a lower percentage of high school students who are binge drinking, Jernigan noted there were too many factors to be able to combat underage drinking effectively. The most difficult obstacle for Jernigan to surmount when dealing with underage drinking is the amount of money alcohol companies are able to spend on advertising. "The alcohol industry is more innovative; last year they spent \$4 billion on advertising," Jernigan said.

A more innovative and better funded alcohol industry isn't the only point of con-

tention for Jernigan; he must also address The Amethyst Initiative.

The Amethyst Initiative is a college related initiative calling for an open debate about the issue of whether the 21-year-old drinking age is adequately doing its job. Currently, about 135 of the 4,000 college presidents have signed the initiative, Jernigan said. President Carol Moore, President Barbara Murphy of Johnson State and President David Wolk of Castleton have all signed the initiative.

One proponent of the bill, John McCardell, former president of Middlebury College and founder of Choose Responsibility, spoke before the Vermont legislature about lowering the drinking age to 18. McCardell's main topic of focus was on the national debate dealing with the penalties states incur if they lower

the drinking age, says the speech McCardell delivered before legislature on Jan. 22.

If a state lowers the drinking age, then they lose 10 percent of their total highway funding; a stipulation in the current federal law. McCardell says in his speech to the legislature the problem with such a stipulation, "this provision has been very effective in stifling debate and therefore preventing change." He continues by posing a question about the drinking age, "why do you support a provision that impedes debate? Why is this 'incentive' necessary? What have we to fear from removing it?"

Jernigan had a much different opinion about what the Amethyst Initiative will do.

"I can understand why colleges are frustrated and want to get rid of the problem [drinking] by making it

legal," says Jernigan. The problem Jernigan has with such a move is the fact the problem will be shifted to high school students because alcohol will then be more available.

Making alcohol more expensive through taxes, making alcohol less available and modifying the drinking environment through enhanced enforcement and community were all ways Jernigan cited as being effective means of reducing underage drinking. The last time Vermont raised the tax on alcohol was in 1981, Jernigan said.

"I wish there was a magic bullet to address all these issues," says Jernigan.

Log on to www.lyndonstatecritic.com and tell us whether you think the drinking age should be lowered and why

Weekend weather

Kevin Kelly
Student Meteorologist

Friday Afternoon

Mostly sunny skies in the morning with increasing high level clouds throughout the afternoon. West winds 10-15 MPH with gusts up to 25 MPH.

Friday Night

Partly to mostly clear skies. North winds 5-10 MPH.

Saturday Afternoon

Mostly sunny skies mixed with high level clouds. North winds 5-10 MPH.

Public Safety Log

Jan 30. Underage drinking in Crevecoeur

Jan. 30 Smoking in a room, two reported incidents. Whitelaw

Jan 30. Hit and run in Stonehenge parking lot.

Feb. 2 Noise complaint, underage drinking in Arnold.



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Words of Wisdom: Common SENSE-itivity



Arianna Millington
Critic Staff

"My biggest weakness is my sensitivity. I am too sensitive of a person."

-Mike Tyson

There's this kid at this school who is extremely silly! He changes his profile picture to other people's against their will, he at one point had his face as the background on all the Macs in the math lab, and he created a weird profile on Facebook for his right hand. Let's just call him Timmy.

Timmy is one of those guys that's so comfortable with his heterosexuality that he jokes all the time about doing vulgar things with other guys. He doesn't try to hide it from them at all either;

in fact, he goes as far as hugging them sometimes. Two of these guys, who I know don't like Timmy's way of joking, don't respond in what I think is the smartest way. One of them continually responds to Timmy's ridiculous antics in a way that lets Timmy know that he's being bothered.

That's like when you're in elementary school, and there's a bully, and the only reason he continues to bother you is the fact that you let him know it's working.

Honestly, I see nothing wrong with what Timmy is doing, besides the hugging. Physical contact sometimes is too much as far as a joke goes. Aside from that he's fine. Some may call him immature, crazy, or just playing too much, but it's just a joke, right?

Each person responds to "joking" differently, for example someone might say Timmy is truly the funniest person they know, and some might call Timmy's jokes verbal sexual harassment. Are we supposed to live and talk based on someone's feelings? What if someone is oversensi-

tive? Who determines what oversensitivity is?

I know I'm oversensitive, but then again it depends on how I already feel that day. I'm not big on what other people think say about me behind my back, because even if I were perfect, they would STILL talk about me.

However if I tell someone about something that they do to my face that bothers me, and I DON'T think is funny and they continue to upset me deliberately, I simply disconnect myself from that person. I just disconnect, whether that means deleting them from my Facebook, my contacts in my phone, or even not hanging around them in person anymore.

I don't necessarily always think that person is evil and hate them, I just think that since they can't acknowledge what I'm not comfortable with, or sensitive to, then they don't deserve me as a friend.

I encourage everyone to do the same! Maybe this separation lasts the rest of my life, or maybe it lasts a week. If a person decides to apologize, then I'm there, ready and for-

giving.

Application: My thought on sensitivity is you can't control anyone but you. So if something makes you uncomfortable either deal with it, or ignore it. Don't try to tell people what they can and can't say. Karma is a better punishment anyway.

Example: So far this school year at Lyndon I have grown extremely close to this girl, let's call her Pamela. We were like best friends and, until recently, everything has been cool. But since we got back from break, she really likes hanging out with this kid. Let's call him Daniel.

All day and everyday they are together, it's like she's in love with him or something, but I found it's more of a best friend situation. So of course at first I thought I was jealous, but that just didn't feel like that was the problem exactly. Every time I was around Dan, it seems like he always picked on me! I know it sounds super childish, but his constant attempts to hurt my feelings was really too much for me to handle. He always mocked

the way I talked and ridiculed the fact that I was black, and always had fun laughing at whatever I said and did. I simply reasoned that he made me uncomfortable and that I don't have to tolerate him. This may be the most oversensitive I have ever been, but that's for me to decide.

So now I don't hang with Pam as much as I used to, or as much as I would like, and she even said to me: "If you don't like people who pick on you, then you won't have any friends!" I told her that I'd rather have very little or no friends, than to be around a bunch of people that made me uncomfortable.

Today we're all three still cool, though I find it more accurate to say that Pam and Dan are best friends, and that's all right with me!

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Cooking the books

Robert Patton
Critic Staff

We all know textbooks can be very expensive. It's not unusual for a single required text to cost over \$200. Now head down to your nearest Borders store and try to find a \$200 book. Why should a textbook cost several times what a trade book costs?

The textbook people tell us that their products are expensive to produce. Instead of single starving authors their books are created by teams of highly trained PhDs. And a textbook's sales are limited to students in classes that require that particular text. Then too, there's the matter of expensive artwork ranging from charts and graphs to color photographs. Finally students demand information that is cutting edge—right up to the minute.

Now, if you believe all that, there's a bridge in Brooklyn that may interest you.

Textbooks are sold to a captive market, to students that are required to read the book by their professors. If students had to pull out their wallets and purses to pay for overpriced books they would almost certainly rebel. But most textbooks are purchased

with student loan funds. Of course those bills must be paid in the long run, but what alternative does the average student have? Required books can be purchased on the Internet for far less than college bookstore prices, but Amazon does not accept funds from student accounts.

Older editions of required texts are often available at pennies on the dollar. How much does the subject of English literature change in two or three years? How about algebra, physics, European history, acting, or journalism? Are those older textbooks full of hopelessly out-of-date content? But older editions are not available in college bookstores and online textbook sellers don't accept payment from student accounts.

Every so often, a professor will suggest that an older edition will work for his or her course. But the textbook companies work hard to keep this to a minimum. Textbook publishers have developed a whole bag of tricks to sell their wares at outrageous prices. They provide free copies of texts to teachers and provide all kinds of supplementary materials to make the job of a teacher easier. Naturally all supplementary

materials are tied to the latest edition of a text. They can't make enough money if the same textbook is used year after year. This can happen to a limited extent with used textbooks, but then out comes the new edition and the old one is pronounced dead.

Have you ever wondered how college students in third-world countries can afford expensive textbooks? They can't and they don't. In many cases they use the same textbooks as American students. Take Thailand's leading university, for example. Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok has a bookstore that sells many American textbooks. But a text that sells in America for \$125 or more may cost less than \$50 in Bangkok.

The Asian edition may be a paperback, using cheaper paper and black-and-white illustrations, but how many American students would choose to pay an extra \$75 for 4-color process, hard covers, and archive quality paper. But that choice is not available. Open the Asian edition and you will find a strongly worded warning that the text is not to be sold outside of Southeast Asia.

With the country in a recession, with good paying

jobs for graduates getting scarcer, with tuition costs going through the roof, isn't it time for college administrators, professors, and book stores to work with students to bring textbook prices down to a reasonable level? If a slightly older edition will do the job, professors should recommend them, and college bookstores should carry them. If paperback editions on cheaper paper with monochrome illustrations meet educational standards, insist that publishers offer them.

Isn't it time to stop cooking the books at student expense?

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Unfit grading might merit appeal

Gwen Cook
Critic Staff

Students at LSC might not be happy with the grade they received for a class but not know how to go about the appealing process.

Deb Hale, Registrar at Lyndon State College said that there are three steps to appeal a grade. The first step for appealing a grade would be to talk directly to the teacher of the class. The second step would be to talk to the department chair about any issue you might be having. If both the teacher and the head of the department weren't able to fix the problem, a formal letter to the assistant academic dean would be the final step.

There is an informal as well as a formal appeal process. As stated in the handbook, "in the informal

appeal process students discuss their concerns with the instructor and/or the assistant academic dean, who is available as a neutral facilitator to aid in the clarifying issues and resolving differences. Experience has shown the informal process to be a successful approach to resolving many concerns. Students are encouraged to use the informal process before filing a formal appeal."

In the LSC handbook, under academic policies and procedures it lists how to go about writing the appeal and what it must contain. According to the handbook, an appeal must be written to the assistant academic dean, with a copy sent to the instructor of the class by the end of the semester with which the appeal has taken place. This letter must contain the reason for the appeal and proof that it has been appealed.

In 10 working days, which are days that the college offices are open for business, the appeal will either be resolved or will move farther up the chain of command to the dean of academic and student affairs. From there, if the appeal cannot be resolved, it will move on to the Academic Standards Committee who will have 10 working days to decline or to hear the case and move on to a closed hearing. An open hearing may be conducted with a written request from the student.

If a decision is made at any point up the line of command, the student will have 10 days to appeal if he/she believes there was an error in the resolution.

Hale did stress that most issues with grading are either a misunderstandings or simply an error in the scoring for the class. Rarely do cases even go beyond the department chair.

LSC helps Haiti

Professor Janet Bennion and LSC student Jon Kennedy load medical supplies into a van on Sunday. Bennion and six students delivered the supplies to Burlington for shipment to a clinic outside Port-au-Prince, Haiti. The delivery was one of several campus initiatives to help earthquake victims. See related story on page 8.

Photo by
Eric Wayne



Student interest in bus trips declining

Sarah Aube
News Correspondent

The number of bus trips may have been reduced this year, but since students are still paying for them they may as well climb aboard.

Students pile onto a coach bus early in the morning and by midday are let loose in a major city to do pretty much whatever they please.

This upcoming semester there will be two bus trips: one to New York City and the other to Montreal, Quebec.

In the past, there have been more trips but the number per semester has fallen off dramatically, cutting it down to just two trips per semester.

"We did not have a huge turnout for our past trips and we decided it was not worth it anymore," said RHD and Student Activities Coordinator Laura McNaughton.

New York City is McNaughton's favorite trip to plan, and it also receives the most student participation. Around 100 students usually head south on the NYC trip, while there are, on average, 40 to 50 students that travel north to Montreal.

The bus to NYC leaves at 5 a.m. on March 13 and returns back to the school at 4 a.m. on the 14.

"This trip is well worth the early wake-up," says McNaughton, with signups for this trip starting March 8 in the Student Life office in Rita Bole.

The Montreal trip is on March 27, from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Signups for this trip will begin the week before.

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Faded Away

By Marc Samson

Warm kisses from the sun,
Booming beats from the radio,
The scent of fresh pizza loomed,
The air from the window brushed my hair,
The feeling, the sound, the smell is all so real but forever faint.

The excitement, the joy of new clothes, new supplies,
Friends experiences places teachers. My aunt's house
Came next. I knew at that moment, the emotion ever
so right, the night would be a fun filled fete.

I ran and greeted my aunty, her warming hug, curly
brown hair.

The emotions instilled me, now elusive and fading.

Muffin sat in the window,

And the trees leaves were rustling, I would climb it on
occasion,

With the scent of the powdery stuff that aunty

Put in the water, burning and potent, "Corine" she
called it, and the pan cookie ice cream we had that
night,

I try to remember the taste, but to no avail. Just salivation.

Staying up late,

Watching the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle movies 'til
12,

Later than mommy ever let me,

And then passing out with the fuzzy warm blankets
that pressed my skin.

I press the blankets I once knew, but everything has
faded away.

Potential

by Danni H. Spark

Hypothetically,
this person,
might,
almost,
possibly,
like him
a lot.
Maybe.

This hypothetical person,
might.
maybe
someday
say so.
Maybe.

This hypothetical person
wishes
hopes
it was easy.
Easier.

Hypothetically she wishes
hopes
wants
him to feel the same.
To like her
a lot.
Possibly.

Hypothetically.

Maybe.

But sometimes she wishes this
wasn't just hypothetical.

She wishes it were real.

Sometimes.

The Saturday Morning Routine

By J.L. Rossi

I reach for the cigarettes
But I quit awhile ago.
Snarling, I look for the coffee.
But I switched to green tea.
And the cupboards are opened
but there is no booze,
Not even moldy empties.
Just dried fruit and cat food.
Life has been so sedentary
since you have gone.
My hands keep reaching
for things not there;
cups, hands, empty pillows.
Cleaning the house I think
"Who put that book on the table?
And what slob left last week's dishes
in the sink, still!" I must be living
with a stranger, who is familiar
with my things, tossing my keys
in odd places, forgetting to pay
the rent on time. Every so often
this person cleans the house,
I am not so unobservant as to
not recognize when the cat
has stopped mewing to be fed,
but am still surprised when I
see my own self muttering while
wiping down the bathroom mirror.
I must have been very hard to live
with, or a least a little complicated.

At The Racetrack

by J.L. Rossi

I am betting
on a losing horse
it is you but
I see you running
in fields instead
of circles
You will take me
for everything while
I dream
of the finish line
and clutched roses.

You Were

By Tana Stevens

You were the blush creeping
across my cheeks as I caught
you staring.
Late night telephone calls,
The tentative, fearful intensity
of that first kiss,
Drenched by the sudden
rain,
Nervous laughter,
And that catch in your
throat when you realize
You're in love.

You were the sound of heat
bugs as we hid from the
world.
The warm grass,
Stolen kisses,
Fireworks lighting the night,
Sweaty palms clasped together,
and later
Our tangled limbs cooling
among the twisted sheets.

You were the comfort I felt
as you pulled me close.
Your tearstained shirtfront,
Synchronized heartbeats
against each other,
Desperate apologies,
Whispered, hesitant good-
byes,
And you, a lone figure, dis-
appearing around the bend
in the road.

Nothing is the same. Every-
thing is the same.
The emptiness closes in, and
I weep.

Him or Me?

by Patrick Carr

How much I despise the name Emerson.

Let him live like Lord Tennyson.

Foolish.

Like his words of mocking Intellect.

Send him off to the woods, which he will respect.

Arrogant.

You suck off the nipple of Nature.

Let me tell you how much I hate ya.

Individualist.

Your love and mistress is the sun.

Once you get started you'll never be done.

Preacher.

You tell me to live my own life

Yet put down that for which I strife.

Dreamer.

You live in a world made up in your head.

It'd shock me if you ever got any in bed.

Disrespectful.

If I took all your works together

And burned them we'd be better.

Inexperienced.

In your words there is nothing to be taught.

In your words there isn't a single thought.

Uninspiring.

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You can't stop them:

Rugby gets their balls to the wall

Sebastian C. Lury
Sports Editor

The rugby club has begun to practice again and will return to play next weekend.

Having not played since the middle of last semester, the Lyndon rugby club will return to the field next weekend as they will compete in the Balls to the Wall Tournament at Colby Sawyer College in New London, N.H.

Jill Rancourt, the treasurer for the rugby club, explained the details of the tournament.

"It is a 7's tournament," she said in an e-mail, "which means each side has seven players on the field instead of a full side of 15 players. The halves are shorter as well. Instead of playing 40-minute halves, we play seven-minute halves with a one-minute halftime, bringing the entire game to 15 minutes."

Rancourt said that the women's team will feature more players than just their own.

"This fall, the women's side joined with the Johnson State women's rugby [team] to form one 'hybrid' style team," she said. "This means that the Johnson players have registered with NERFU as Lyndon players and can only

play in LSC games."

"The New England Rugby Football Union (NERFU) approved the collaboration as long as we only play as one team, that we were no longer separate, that they were Lyndon players," said Moriah Pratt, the club's public relations representative, in an e-mail. "We are just one big happy rugby family."

"For this tournament both the men's and women's rugby [teams] will be playing," said Rancourt. "The men's team is hoping to keep their record high whereas they only lost two games in the fall."

"For the women's side," said Rancourt, "this semester is a rebuilding and teaching semester. We have a lot of new players on the women's team and so it gives all of us a chance to share our knowledge and experience as well as brush up on some rugby basics."

The team will have some time between next weekend's game and their next action, but not as long as the semester break.

"After Balls to the Walls," said Rancourt, "Lyndon will be preparing to host the annual Snowbowl tournament on campus on March 20."

Weekend intramurals:

it's not just for sport

Sebastian C. Lury
Sports Editor

As both the Sports Editor and a Resident Assistant [RA], I would be hard-pressed to ignore a physical activity that encompasses both roles: weekend intramurals.

For those who don't know what I mean by weekend intramural, let me explain it a little. The idea is that each weekend, the RA on duty in each building will gather a team of that building's residents to compete in a friendly competition against other buildings and each week the activity changes.

The program came to be in part due to Sue Henry, director of intramurals.

Henry explained to me in an e-mail that the weekend intramurals were "to provide competitive activities to the resident students and commuters on the weekends."

She further explained that "the number of teams would determine the type of tournament: single or double elimination, round-robin, etc."

"The only con is getting the students here," said Henry. "And that is still a con. Kickball, beach volleyball and street hockey were the biggest draws."

The problem seems to be that some sports aren't as popular as others. But that doesn't prevent those who participate from having a

good time.

"The students that show up, have fun," said Henry. "Each resident hall has a designated color and each participant is given a t-shirt."

With the weak turn out, I was afraid that the program may fall to the wayside next year, but Henry put those fears to rest.

"I will definitely run the program next year," she said, "and probably look at the activities that had the biggest turnouts."

You probably think I'm doing this to help generate press for the intramurals because I'm an RA and have a vested interest in it. To say that is not part of it would be a lie. But my motives run deeper than that.

My motives begin with me as a student. I find that getting to the Bole Gym while it's free just to shoot hoops helps me perform better in class. Being active is a good stress reliever and a great break from school work. It sounds contradictory to say that exercise and play like that can be relaxing, but it is.

I also speak as a sports fan. I love sports and wish I had more time and ability to play them on a team. I even find that normal intramural leagues may conflict with my very involved schedule. These weekend intramurals don't require a commitment any greater than that which one

feels like making. That is, I only have to go to the sports I want to or can. There are no practices; there are no recurring time slots I must forfeit.

Yes, when I'm on duty I can't go. But say I want to go on other weekends, I can. Say there's a weekend I want to go out on the town or to a conference in Boston or wherever, I don't feel like I'm letting my team down for skipping out on them. Of course I wish I could participate, but I don't feel like my absence is upsetting anyone. It's the best intramural activity we have, in my opinion, because I'm not stuck playing one sport over and over again and I'm not giving up more time than I can academically justify.

Maybe you feel the same way as I do, either about the love of sports or the stress reliever or both. Maybe you don't. But believe me, this is fun. Plus, it's a great way to get to know the people around you.

Isn't the campus a better community when people get to know each other and play beside one another than when we all sit in our rooms typing infinite papers and incessantly playing Farmville on Facebook? I think so.

Monroe Doctrine: Colts (S)ain't worthy of Super Bowl victory

Sam Monroe
Managing Editor

I hope all of you are prepared for the big game this weekend.

The Boston Bruins and Montreal Canadiens will face off Sunday afternoon in a battle for playoff positioning. Oh wait... am I the only one who will be paying attention to the Bruins game on Sunday?

Well, I guess there is another game. It's an unofficial holiday: Super Bowl Sunday.

The Colts and Saints will square off to earn the right to be called the best team in the NFL.

This is the match-up the football gods all wanted. At one point, both of these teams had perfect seasons going. The Saints had a 13-0 record when they headed into their game against the Cowboys and came

out on the wrong end; they lost 24-17.

The Saint's loss left a harsh reality on the world; the Colts were the only team that were going to go 16-0, and maybe even 19-0.

However the Colts didn't care about going 19-0. They didn't care about history. They didn't want to be like the 2007 Patriots. And I think that is wrong. If you have a chance to

do something that no other team has ever done, you do it. Don't lie down and just pretend that it's going to be okay, it's not. Even if the Colts do win the Super Bowl it won't matter. They will still feel disappointment, at least I would. They had a chance at 19-0 and they just walked away. The coaching staff just flipped off the football gods.

Maybe, just maybe, there is more of a story to it. Maybe

Mercury Morris made them a deal. He knew they had a chance to break his teams 17-0 record and Morris snapped. You saw how he acted in 2007 when the Patriots came so close.

Maybe the real story isn't that the Colts pulled their starters, maybe Mr. Morris made a little deal. As he popped the champagne when the Colts lost, maybe it just wasn't as sweet as it would have been if the Jets had really won the game. Morris knew the day was coming, maybe he sent a nice little bonus check to the Colts and their staff.

For that reason, the Saints win the Super Bowl. The universe doesn't want the Colts to win. It is the underdog we love and the Saints are the underdogs.

When you look at that city and see what they have been through in the past five years, you want to root for the Saints.

EA sports did a Madden simulation of the game and the Colts came out on top 35-31. It will be a tight game, but I see the Saints coming out on top in one of the highest scoring Super Bowls ever, 48-40.



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Hockey club bound for playoffs, not bound to losses

Sebastian C. Lury
Sports Editor

The hockey club is play-off bound, but momentum is not yet on their side.

The hockey club showed signs of a hot second semester with a win in their first game back from semester break. Having lost their next two games, however, the hockey club is still bound for the playoffs and hopes to improve their play, beginning in tonight's game.

Tonight, the club hosts St. Joseph's College of Maine at the Fenton Chester Arena at 7:30 p.m. The team is looking to bounce back from their last two losses.

"Having played three games this semester," said junior co-captain Andrew Saltarella in an e-mail, "there is no doubt that one of our biggest assets has been goaltending."

"I think our team has been playing well since the break," said senior co-captain Ricky Paparo. "We snuck away with a win to open the semester, but we have seemed a bit rusty since the break."

"The past two games

have been against some of the better opponents in our league," said Paparo. "I think we showed a lot of heart Monday against Norwich, who has emerged as the most talented team in our league. We kept it close until late in the third period, and with a couple more bounces our way, it could have been a different game."

Head coach Jonathan Davis believes the club can take some good things away from the loss to Norwich, especially the fact the team played hard.

"The loss versus Norwich this past Monday was much closer than the score would indicate," said Davis in an e-mail. "Norwich has depth up and down their bench. Their goaltender came up big and their size advantage also played a big role."

"We have accumulated enough points to secure a 'win or go home' playoff game," said Davis.

In order to go further in the playoffs, the team recognizes some areas in which they need to improve.

"Consistency has been a factor in both of our losses," said Saltarella. "We have

demonstrated as a team that we are capable of competing with the top teams in our league, however, we seem to have some trouble doing so on a consistent basis."

"One thing that has been a roadblock for us is players coming and going," said Paparo. "We have spent the last few weeks trying to get all the new lines familiar with each other."

Saltarella says that the thing the team can do to best prepare themselves is to not get ahead of themselves.

"As a team, we are just focusing on performing well in our last two games," he said. "Once all the standings are finalized, we can begin to prepare for future games. This season has been very promising. We have a really young team and we have shown some impressive potential for future seasons, but as I said before, the season is not over and we need to focus on our next two games."

Paparo also talked about more immediate concerns for the team than playoffs.

"We still have some things we need to accomplish as a team before we get

there," he said. "We have two big games this weekend, including a possible playoff preview against Rhode Island on Sunday. We have a very young team with lots of kids used to playing at the high school level. This is a step up from that, and takes some getting used to. We have a lot of young talent and I think our newcomers have adjusted to the change very well."

Paparo said that the team has seen its share of highs and lows and that they plan to finish the season on a high.

"This season has been full of ups and downs," he said. "We have won some big games, and have lost some close battles. This is certainly the most talented team I have been a part of in my four years at Lyndon. I have high hopes for this team to finish the year strong, and plan to make a good run through the postseason."

Davis feels as though the team will be a formidable opponent for whoever they face in the playoffs.

"We remain confident in our ability to skate with any team in the Colonial Division

of the Northeast College Hockey Association and look forward to our last two regular season games," he said.

Outside of hockey, the club is co-hosting an event with another Lyndon club.

"This is the third or fourth year that the hockey team has worked with the Campus Activities Board or one of the housing staff members to provide free skating for the entire campus," said Davis. "It's a great event for all Lyndon community members to participate in at no cost. The rental skates are paid for by the Campus Activities Board and the ice time is paid for by the hockey team. Members of the team will be available to assist anyone that would like to learn how to skate. The hockey club wishes to express its appreciation to the Student Government Association for their financial support each season."

"It is something we look forward to, and has been a success in the past," said Paparo. "It is a good chance for the team to help our community enjoy the opportunity to learn to skate."

The Free Skate will take place at the Fenton Chester Arena next Friday at 9 p.m.

The Hornet Report:

Hornets look to finish seasons strong

Hockey

Results

1/30/2010 @ Springfield College (L)
2/1/10 vs. Norwich University (L)

Upcoming Events

2/5/10 vs. St. Joseph's College of Maine @ 7:30 p.m.
2/6/10 Alumni Game @ 2:45 p.m.
2/7/10 @ Rhode Island College @ 1 p.m.

Women's Basketball

The women's basketball team was able to retain the sixth place in conference standings, despite dropping three games on the road.

Results

1/29/10 @ Maine Maritime Academy (L) 73-51
1/30/10 @ Husson University (L) 112-83
2/2/10 @ Green Mountain College (L) 68-55

Upcoming Events

2/6/10 @ Castleton State College @ 2 p.m.
2/9/10 vs. Johnson State College @ 5:30 p.m.

Standings (North Atlantic Conference):

Husson University	11-8 (8-0)
Maine Maritime Academy	11-8 (6-2)
U-Maine Farmington	8-9 (6-3)
Castleton State College	11-8 (5-3)
Johnson State College	6-13 (3-5)

Lyndon State College	7-10 (2-6)
Thomas College	3-14 (2-7)
Green Mountain College	6-12 (1-7)

Men's Basketball

The men's basketball team saw one of their own awarded conference honors this week. Freshman center O'Bee Byrd was named the North Atlantic Conference's Rookie of the Week in the last week of January. The team went 1-2 on the week despite Byrd's impressive performance.

Results

1/29/10 @ Maine Maritime Academy (W) 89-82
1/30/10 @ Husson University (L) 89-70
2/2/10 @ Green Mountain College (L) 77-69

Upcoming Events

2/6/10 @ Castleton State College @ 4 p.m.
2/9/10 vs. Johnson State College @ 7:30 p.m.

Standings (North Atlantic Conference):

U-Maine Farmington	7-10 (7-1)
Castleton State College	12-7 (6-2)
Husson University	12-7 (6-2)
Thomas College	13-4 (5-3)
Lyndon State College	7-11 (3-5)
Green Mountain College	6-11 (3-5)
Johnson State College	5-14 (1-7)
Maine Maritime Academy	5-14 (1-7)



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Sophomore defenseman T.J. Duggan (22) backs into his own zone, looking to make a defensive play in the team's 7-2 loss to Norwich Monday night.

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Cooking with Cook: Presidential recipes



Gwen Cook
Critic Staff

For the past two years I have shared my passion for food and cooking through my column. The thing is, I'm just one person. My likes and prejudices are different from everyone else and my cooking experience only goes so far.

So for the rest of the semester I would like to give others the chance to share some of their passion for food. Since this is the first column with this new spin, I wanted to speak to someone who everyone at the college knows but perhaps don't know on a very personal level.

President Carol Moore shares my love of cooking. She said she isn't really a big eater but she likes to cook special things on the weekend. Both of the recipes she shared with me were long-standing traditions as well as favorites among her entire family. The ice cream cake is something she does every year for her daughters and nieces. They get to choose the ice cream flavors they want and she makes them on their birthday and has since they were very young. Every year, her family comes to her house to celebrate on Christmas Eve. In lieu of a feast, they all get to pick an appetizer

that they want and then they enjoy them and enjoy each other's company. She says that the asparagus rolls are always requested.

Ice cream cake

Brownies, cooked in a round cake pan
Ice Cream, 2 flavors
Large bowl the same width as the cake pan
Sprinkles

Directions-
Be sure the brownies are entirely cooled before beginning. Line the bowl with tin foil. Soften ice cream. Line bowl with both flavors of ice cream. Place bowl in the freezer and leave there until ice cream is fully hardened. Remove from freezer and place upside down on top of brownies. Remove tin foil and decorate with sprinkles.

Asparagus rolls

White bread
Soft cheese, such as Buisson or Alouette
Asparagus stalks
Butter or margarine
Directions-
Remove the crust from the bread. Using a rolling pin, flatten the bread. Spread the soft cheese onto the flattened bread. Add an asparagus and roll up just like a jellyroll. Spread butter or margarine onto the roll. Cook in a toaster oven for a few minutes or until the bread is light brown. Slice the roll into small little pin-wheels.

Haiti benefit concert raises \$1200 for charity

Aimee Lawton
Entertainment Editor

On Monday, Feb 1, Lyndon's Music Business and Industry department held a Haiti Relief concert that raised over \$1000.

The concert began at 7 p.m. in ASAC 100 and lasted for several hours. In addition to money donations, many people also donated their time and talent in order to make this event a success.

"The Pizza Man donated 10 large pizzas for us

to sell," said Music Business professor Beth Norris. Norris also said that police officers Mike Bergeron and Gerry Delisle donated their time to help secure the event.

The night saw much great talent from a wide range of performers. Some of the bands that participated included The Reves, Caledonia, Fractures, Double Down, Static Season, and the League of Women Voters. Solo appearances were made by Kali Stoddard-Imari, Caitlin Kolson,

Zach Ummer, Ohanga "Freddie" Losambe, Zachary "Sonny" Edwards, Jake Machell, and Kemal Cross.

All of the proceeds from this concert will be sent to "Free the Kids," a medical charity located on the grounds of Haiti.

Jean Charles and Beth Norris both confirmed Thursday that the total money raised has now reached \$1200 thanks to a donation from one of Lyndon's faculty.

Sick Puppies play show at Higher Ground

Noel Berthiaume
Entertainment Writer

Higher Ground is probably one of my favorite places to go. It's a local venue that showcases a variety of live music. If anyone decent ever goes through Vermont they usually hit Higher Ground. I don't really know what it is about that place that I love. It might be the eight-hour sidewalk extravaganzas my friends and I throw when we want to be first inside (which would be always.) But, Higher Ground is small, I don't think they have air-conditioning (if they do it never works), it's standing room only, and you can pretty much expect to be either kicked in the head by a crowd surfer, or sweated on by some random stranger, or the lead singer (Sometimes both).

One of my favorite bands is playing there on Saturday. Sick Puppies all started when Aussies Shimon Moore and Emma Anzai accidentally double-booked the music room at their high school. Neither of them felt like leaving, apparently an argument ensued, and they wound up playing together realizing they shared interests in bands. Together they began writing their own material later deciding they needed a full time drummer, Emma switched to bass, Shim to guitar, and Sick Puppies was born. Their first EP *The Dog's Breakfast* (God, I'd love a copy of that) was released in 1999. In 2000, they were in Triple J Unearthed (as far as I know it's like the Australian version of South by Southwest) where their song *Nothing Really Matters* kicked ass and helped them get a record deal. They toured around Australia sprinkling talent and collecting awe-

someness as they went. A studio album called *Welcome To The Real World* was eventually released, all the while continuing to build on a fan base that was about to explode. In 2005, they decided that they needed to be in the music capital of the world. Shim and Emma moved to L.A. (their former drummer stayed behind) went on *Craig's List*, and found Mark Goodwin (the current drummer), again securing a record deal they released *Dressed Up As Life*, thus becoming the Sick Puppies I know and love. But what really gave them a kick-start was their music video for the single "All The Same". How many bands actually film and create their own music video? You might know it as "The Free Hugs Campaign". The video depicts a man named Juan Mann walking around the local Sydney mall with a handwritten sign offering "Free Hugs". It's story of the simple act of reaching out to strangers on the street, and the battle when mall cops later banned him. It generated a whopping 43 million hits when Shim posted it on YouTube. Since then they've come out with their most recent album *Tri-Polar* while they bounce between touring the U.S. and Australia.

So why do I like this band? According to Pandora Radio, I like music with "Melodic Songwriting, Twelve-Eight time signatures, Minor Key Tonality, Acoustic Rhythm Guitars and a Triple Note feel." But really I just like anything with great guitar and lyrics that actually say something. If feel like I can relate to the lyrics I'm usually sold. They're fun for the whole family, really, from songs about your crappy relationship; the cheater you can't

break up with, to that odd kid you just can't figure out, to the "Asshole Father" of Shim's ex-girlfriend. Emma even jumps in every now and then to sing on one of my personal favorites "White Balloons". Their lyrics are honest enough to gain one of those little parental advisory stickers. (Occasional use of the F-word. Kids, you've been warned.) Their music video for "My World", a frame of it is also the album cover, illustrates the constant pressures on young women to be perfectly thin as the prerequisite to beautiful. While, "You're Going Down" is all about a fight-to-the-death water balloon war between neighborhood children.

The first time I heard Sick Puppies I didn't even realize that they only had three people in their band. There's something about their sound that's different, unlike a lot of other bands classified as rock they don't over play to sound "hardcore". Shim, Emma and Mark play seamlessly together creating a kind of cohesiveness that most bands only wish they had. I can't even begin to list how many bands sound like their guitarists and drummer are fighting for the audience's attention, while these guys actually compliment each other. Their albums are full of raw power and unapologetic lyrics that connect with listeners' world-wide. If you read interviews they state again and again that they are all about their live performances. These guys weren't manufactured in a sound studio. They aren't another American manager's brainchild for record sales. Sick Puppies is the real deal.

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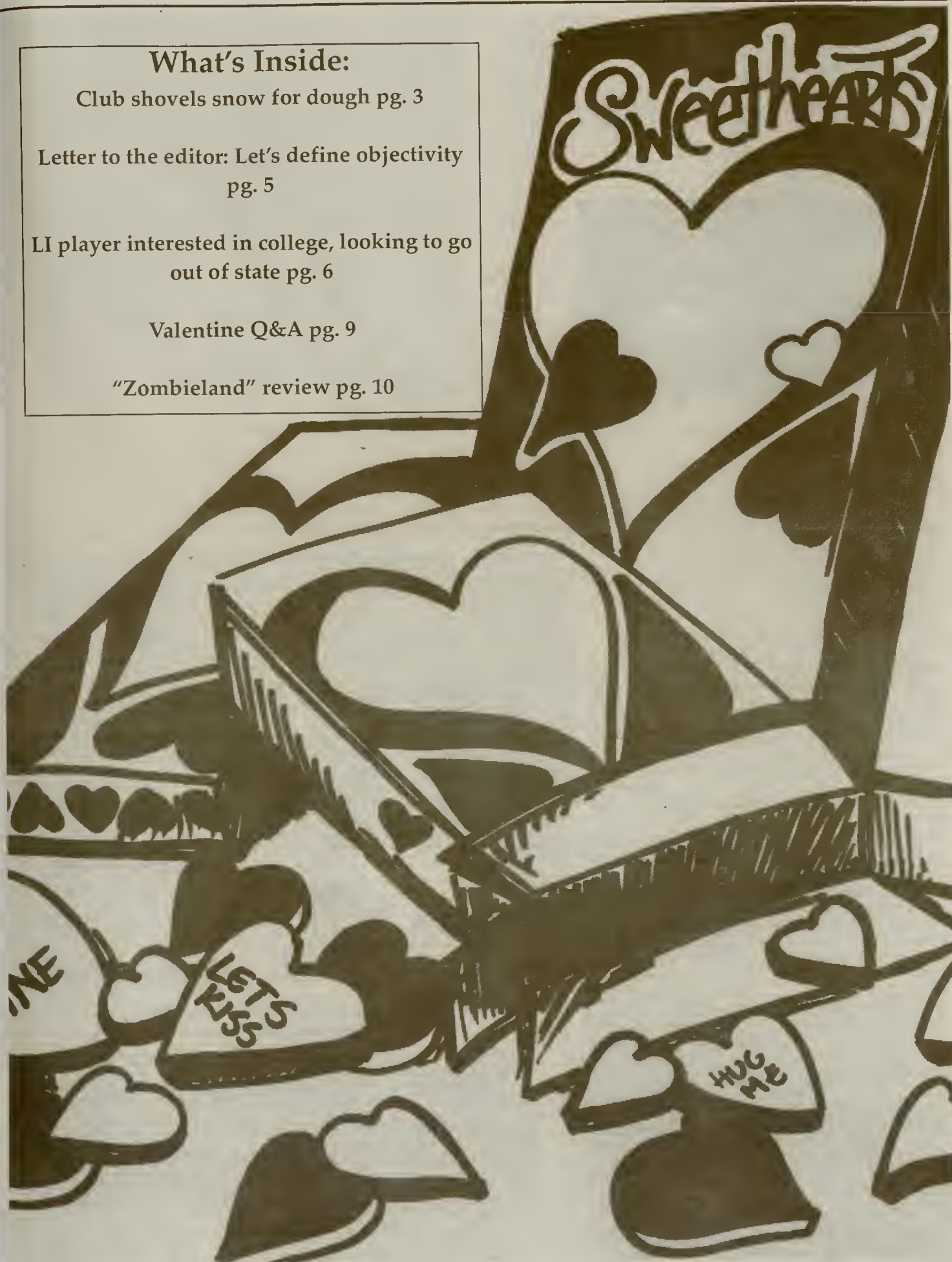
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Fundraising pays off for Guatemala volunteers

Christine Slater
Critic Staff

Students have been fundraising in an effort to help pay the costs for the second annual service trip to Guatemala.

Students will be volunteering at Miguel Angel Asturias Academy, which is a school for underprivileged children founded and directed by Jorge Chojolan Pacajoj.

According to Stephanie Tyler, a resident hall director

who is leading the trip, there are a lot of needs that are not being met in Guatemala's educational systems. Fewer than 3 out of 10 children finish the 6th grade, illiteracy rates are alarmingly high, and resources and funding are extremely low.

Tyler said that because the trip is in February, the group will be able to participate in Guatemala's Multicultural Month. This is an opportunity for LSC students to learn about

Guatemala's culture, and for the locals to learn a bit about American culture as well.

Lisa Colangelo, a junior elementary education major, says she will use what she experiences in Guatemala to do further projects relating to her major.

"Some students will be teaching, some cooking, or running after school programs, while others will be painting and working on the school's new wing," social sciences and secondary edu-

cation major Dan Haycock said.

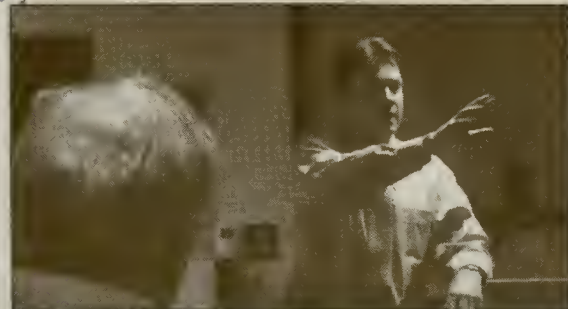
Students have been fundraising to raise money to donate to the school as well as to cover their travel expenses. According to Tyler, because the trip isn't like other educational tours offered through LSC, students will pay about \$1,100 out of pocket.

The Pizza Man has helped with fundraising. The Student Government Association gave \$5,000, but the students need another

\$4,000 more.

On Jan. 25, The Pizza Man kicked off its LSC night in which they donated 15% of its Monday sales to the cause. Gift cards were also available, and 20% of those sales were donated as well.

Other fundraising opportunities will be coming soon, including a Valentine's Day candy gram, a 50/50 raffle, and a silent auction. Anyone who would like to make a donation can contact Stephanie Tyler.



Rep. Crawford listens to Thomas Salmon

Photo by Tana Stevens

Republicans partake of Salmon

Madison Cox
News Editor

Vermont state auditor Thomas Salmon has a message for the Lyndon State College Republicans: college students are going to make a difference in future politics.

Nearly 20 students came to hear Salmon speak Monday night. Representative Howard Crawford was also in attendance. Salmon explained that a new generation of politicians will soon be emerging.

"This is where the energy is," he said, "This is where the future is."

Salmon's career as auditor began in 2006. In 2009, he left the Democratic party to become Republican. His main duties are to monitor the financial stability of the state, and to see how well the legislators are meeting their financial goals. He also acts as a non-voting member of the audit committee for Vermont state colleges.

According to Salmon, there are four key elements to a successful campaign and career in politics. He claims that

one must be sincere, unafraid to fail, tolerant, and truthful. By striving to do all of these things, a person will be much more successful in the polls than his or her less-honest opponents. Students in the audience offered multiple reasons for wanting to be involved in politics.

"I'm passionate about the financial part of politics. I know it's a cliché, but when you open a paycheck for the first time and see how much is taken out for taxes, you want to know what it's going toward," junior psychology major Steve Kuhns said.

Sophomore television studies major John Kleinhans' reasoning drew some laughs from the crowd.

"I was sick and tired of too many liberals," he said. "Students can work with representatives to get bills pushed through the House. That's unbelievable."

Salmon stressed that college students are going to drastically shape the future of this country.

"Keep digging," he said, "You're three feet from gold."

E-mail bugs infest LSC accounts

Erin Milne
News Correspondent

Upon returning to campus this semester, most Lyndon State College students probably noticed that their e-mail accounts had a new look; many may also have noticed e-mail problems.

A recent two-day outage left Lyndon accounts unable to receive messages from off campus, and some students could not access their accounts. Glitches like this can be attributed to LSC's new e-

mail server, according to Michael Dente, chief technology officer.

Lyndon replaced its server during winter break. Switching from one server to another is "not a trivial thing," said Dente. He said the transition takes five to six days, during that time the e-mail server was unable to be accessed(?).

I.T. is currently "working out the bugs" in the server, Dente said. While he admits that some people have found the new layout confusing, he

says that the new server will be easier to access from mobile devices such as iPhones and Blackberries.

Lyndon's e-mail system is part of the larger Vermont State Colleges e-mail system, so problems at other schools can affect Lyndon, according to Dente. He said that a recent problem at Vermont Technical College, which also replaced its server during winter break, affected Lyndon public folders, resulting in loss of data.

LSC exercise science students will attend New England spring conference

Lyndonville, Vt - On April 16, exercise science students will attend the spring New England American College of Sports Medicine conference (NEACSM).

The theme of the seminar is "To Cut or Run: Prevention and Treatment Strategies for Obesity." The speakers for the conference are foremost and high-ranking figures in the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM). Many respected professionals will speak on topics of controlling

obesity through exercise and diet.

The students who will be attending are taking a full semester one-credit course called Professional Experience AHS-1260, which will prepare them to get the most out of the conference. It is being instructed by Robert Huyler, who is a National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) certified personal trainer.

The students are required to practice their networking skills while attending the con-

ference. They also need to pay special attention and hopefully gain insight into the most cutting edge research within their field.

The follow up to attending the conference is the completion of a two page reflection paper on the conference as well as presenting proof that they networked as best as they could.

The conference will be held at Mohegan Sun in Connecticut.

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Jordan Sherman, vice president of the Lyndon Strikers, picks up a spare at Gold Crown Lanes Monday. The club is offering snow cleaning services as a fundraiser.

Club shovels snow for dough

Sarah Aube
News Correspondent

Lyndon Strikers hope to strike a goldmine by cleaning and shoveling out students' cars.

The LSC bowling club is offering to provide these services as long as the snow falls to people who sign up. It will cost \$10 for them to scrape the car and \$10 to shovel the area around the car for the whole year. Students can choose to employ the Lyndon Strikers for either one or both of these services.

"It just kind of popped up," said Michael Michaud, president of the Lyndon Strikers, about where the idea came from. "We were trying to get something to do as a fundraiser that we wouldn't have to spend money on."

Around five to ten people from the Lyndon Strikers have volunteered to clean the cars – every time it snows over an inch. Once people sign up for it and pay, the club members will get their license plate numbers and tie a colored tag on the antenna or license plate so they know which cars to clean

after it snows.

"I think it's a great idea if they can pull it off," said Moriah Pratt, an LSC sophomore majoring in journalism. "I'm definitely skeptical about it. What if I have to get out there at 5:30 a.m.? Is my car going to be shoveled off?"

Michaud said that the cars will be cleaned as soon as they can get to them.

"We don't have any guarantees for how soon it will happen," said Michaud, "but pretty soon because people do depend on it."

The LSC Strikers tried this fundraiser last year as well, but with no success. Michaud said that he thinks it's going to go better this year. Nobody has signed up yet, but they have had people interested.

Another fundraiser that the Lyndon Strikers will be doing in the spring has to do with flamingoes. You will be able to buy a flamingo from the LSC Strikers, and have them put it on someone's door as a sort of prank.

"We're hoping if you get flamingoed, you're going to want to do it back to your friends," said Michaud.

LSC commuters drive home concerns

Michelle Berry
News Correspondent

For about half of Lyndon State College students, living off campus is all about finding freedom outside the residence halls.

"I wanted to be loud when I wanted, but also wanted the quiet of not having a suite full of crazy ladies," said Lisa Colangelo, a junior at LSC.

Colangelo is an out-of-state student but she commutes from St. Johnsbury for her classes. As a commuter, she no longer feels the constraints of campus rules. She can have pets as long as her landlord allows it. And she finds it easier to create an atmosphere that suits her.

Living off-campus has its financial advantages as well. Dorm students pay \$4,651 for a room and \$2,800 to \$3,000 for a meal plan – roughly \$950 per month for room and board. Two or three students sharing an off-campus apartment and buying groceries can reduce that number considerably.

But many off-campus students find they need to work to cover rent, food, gas and other bills.

"Some issues I've faced by being a commuter are having the motivation to drive 30 minutes for only a couple classes, not being as involved on campus, and balancing home-life with school," said Chelsea Johnson, a freshman commuting from her parents' home in Westmore.

Other off-campus students raised similar issues.

Driving conditions can play a large factor when you commute. Sickness and complications at home can also make you miss classes.

Additionally, it is difficult at times to be as involved with on-campus activities when you live at another location. It is a different social and physical atmosphere.

When asked whether she would recommend off-campus housing to others, Colangelo said, "Yes, because of the independence we gain from being on our own, learning to be responsible by having to pay rent and bills, and having the freedom to do whatever one wants whenever one wants."

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Robert Patton
Critic Staff

We all know that we've been going through some tough times and it's not over yet. The Bush administration put us in hock for over a trillion dollars and the debt machine is being cranked up by his successor. Now, don't get me wrong. We know it's all in a good cause.

A few trillion to fight terrorism is just chump change compared to the size of the threat we face. There are at least 200 Al Qaeda out there and we can't count on the bombs always being in their shoes or underwear. And that doesn't even count the Taliban, but at least we don't have to worry about John Walker Lindh anymore.

Then, there's the economy. Lots of us are out of work, and all that ready cash to buy real estate at inflated

prices is no longer available. Luckily we outsourced most of our manufacturing jobs a long time ago, so now that Americans are spending less on manufactured goods the Chinese are starting to take the hit.

But we must be on the right track. Our leaders know that the only sensible policy during a

recession is to spend money like crazy. This is the one thing that Democrats and Republicans agree on. They only disagree about where to spend the money and who to take it from.

Admittedly it's a tough decision. The Republicans don't want to hit the big guys because we need them to create jobs and grow the economy. The Democrats hate to put the bite on the rest of us

because we're already hurting and anyway, they need our votes to stay in office.

Well, as they say, the devil is in the details. But that brings me to the main point of my proposal. We need to get money into the economy so that we can get it moving again. Everyone can agree

people in office now can't do that. They only know how to get the money using the heavy hand of the IRS.

Wouldn't it be better to replace taxation with voluntary contributions? Of course it would. But once we have the money, we'll need someone who knows how to spend it in ways that will not only move the economy,

but impress everybody.

When Bush and Obama bailed out banks, did any of us applaud? Did we want to host these guys at lavish dinner parties and thank them for boosting the economy?

What we need is spending that excites people, spending that makes America look good again in the eyes of the world. Who knows how to do that best? What would the ideal candidate for the job

look like?

He would need to have a track record spanning a decade or more, during which time he was entrusted with billions of dollars. He would have used that money to build renewed strength in worthy charities. He would have created jobs in industries that can't be outsourced to China. Construction, tourism, yacht building, and fine dining are all domestic industries employing American workers and serving American customers.

Fortunately we have such an individual. Why don't we put him back to work? Bernie Madoff can spend money better than any of those guys in Washington. Why is he in prison?

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with that. But where's that money going to come from? What we need is a really smart guy that has the experience necessary to get money from wealthy people (or even not-so-wealthy folks). But we need someone who knows how to do this painlessly. How to get those of us with cash we don't really need (and if we're not spending it, we must not really need it) to voluntarily fork it over. The

First time blood donor; second coming up

Sebastian C. Lury
Sports Editor

They say you never forget your first time and I doubt I will forget mine.

This past Monday, for the first time in my 21-year existence, I donated blood to the American Red Cross. It was a new experience for me, but also a rewarding one.

Sunday night, a friend of mine texted me to tell me about the blood drive that was to take place in the Bole Gym this past Monday. At first, the thought didn't appeal to me because I'm not sick and I don't personally know anyone who needs my blood, though I am a universal donor.

Then I started thinking about the recent disasters this world has seen. Remember Hurricane Katrina? How about the tsunami that struck Asia? How about the deadly earthquake that struck Haiti?

Vermont isn't the first place you'd think of when you worry about places that could be destroyed by natural dis-

asters. But the possibility of someone needing my help did hit home when I thought about my family.

The golden rule is to treat other people the way you would like them to treat you. That is not necessarily what went through my head. I gave blood because the possibility exists that maybe someday someone I love will need help.

Giving blood isn't that hard. I showed up, stood in line for a few minutes and read through a packet of information. The packet details what will happen and what may disqualify someone from giving blood. I was all set.

When my number was called, I was led into a cubicle and asked questions to further determine my eligibility. The questions were straightforward. They also checked my iron to make sure it was at the appropriate level (it was) and my blood pressure, which was also fine.

Then they inserted the needle and drew the blood. I don't mind needles, so it didn't bother me. Ever the inquis-

itive mind, I enjoyed watching the process and asked many questions throughout. It was a fascinating hour for me.

After blood is drawn, they recommend you eat and drink. They also instruct you not to do any heavy lifting for five hours or so and avoid strenuous activities. I did feel a little weak afterward and took it easy.

But I would rather take it a bit

easy and relax for a few hours than to not give blood. Donating blood made me feel good inside, even as it made me a little weaker than normal. There may always be a first time for everything, but that doesn't mean it has to be the last. I plan to donate again and will get the chance when the American Red Cross returns to campus for another blood drive on April 22, unless a vampire attacks me first.

Misunderstandings & Miscommunications

Nick Russo
Critic Staff

As a reporter, I'm always on the lookout for a good story. Last week, when I covered the state of the college address, I was intrigued by an element in our athletic department's strategic plan.

A PowerPoint slide clearly stated plans to "raise the overall student athlete GPA minimum to 3.0". That was a big surprise. The minimum GPA for resident assistants and other student leadership positions at Lyndon is only 2.5.

To investigate the matter, I set up an interview with Athletic Director Chris Ummer who explained that the school was not making the student athlete GPA minimum a 3.0. They only have a general goal to boost the average GPA of each athletic team to a 3.0.

Ummer agreed that it would not be feasible or fair to make the minimum GPA for student athletes a 3.0. "Most of our athletic teams with the exception of maybe cross country and women's basketball would be in jeopardy... it simply would not be fair to those student athletes who are not highly talented academically to tell them that ...their 2.0 GPA isn't good

enough to play varsity athletics".

Ummer said the plan to raise the overall average GPA of the athletic department is only meant to help students. "We are setting the bar high in an effort to improve student athlete's experience at Lyndon, and the coaches know they play a [key] role in student's academic success".

I agree with Coach Ummer that the current eligibility requirement of 2.0 is acceptable for students. But, for the second time in my short career as a reporter for The Critic at Lyndon, I am left with troubling questions about administrative errors. The first article I wrote for the critic (ASAC naming rights) sparked intense controversy when the administration claimed I "mischaracterized" their plans to sell the naming rights of ASAC.

This time, whoever was in charge of putting together the slides for the state of the college address "mischaracterized" the athletic department's plans to work towards having each team's average GPA be a 3.0 or better. The Lyndon administration should focus on avoiding ambiguity in their own work before concerning themselves with reporting that is done with the utmost concern for representing the facts.

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Peek-a-boo

Have you seen an attractive individual on campus? If so, write in and tell us about the person. All submissions will be kept anonymous. Here are the first encounters of the year:

You were dressed in a maroon sweatshirt with your arms crossed defiantly in front. Even as you sat there, arms crossed, your demeanor could never mar the soft beauty of your delicate face.

I saw you walking towards Rita Bole, hat slightly askew on

your head and your bag slung across one shoulder. You moved with such confidence, not surprisingly since your job for The Critic requires it, but I just couldn't take my eyes off of you.

I was walking back from class when I heard a deep, melodious voice issuing from the second floor of Vail. I looked down the hill and saw you standing in the window, megaphone to your mouth as you announced to the world your feelings. My heart skipped a beat as your biting remarks reverberated off the

brick walls and the sunlight reflected off your prematurely balding head.

You were sitting in The Critic office and I heard you harassing the editor mercilessly. Your voice was sweeter than a Krispy Kreme doughnut coated in chocolate. When I saw you smile my blood ran hotter than the fire of a thousand suns and I knew that I would miss that snile like the deserts miss the rain.

Words of Wisdom: "Critique"

Arianna Millington
Web Editor

On my column from last week:

Just as I do every week, I share very emotional personal information about myself so people with similar feelings can relate. Last week was about my over-sensitivity. It was not about my friends, more like how I interpret what goes on between them and me. The purpose of my column is to give advice about how to deal with difficult situations each surrounding a meaningful quote to me.

The purpose of my column is not to personally attack anyone, or to hurt anyone's feelings, so if that has happened to you in this past issue, or ever, I apologize, because those were not my intentions.

"A successful man is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks others have thrown at him."

-David Brinkley

Towards the beginning of this year there was this guy in The Critic club that decided to do a study on the Swine Flu. Everything was new and everyone had a chance to make their first impression. After the first issue went out I read his opinion piece on the Swine and I was so jealous! It was wonderfully brilliant! It said everything I was thinking about and I felt somewhat connected to that guy, since we both thought it was no big deal and probably just the same as other flus. Everyone was just hyping it up because it's new.

During our meeting to go over the issue and get Dan's "critique" along with Ben and Sam and anyone else in the club's opinion of how the issue went, I think either Ben or Sam pointed out that the

story with the swine flu had very wrong statistics. I'm not sure how they told him, but I don't think it was in a mean and nasty way, but it was still criticism, and I could somewhat feel his humiliation as they publically addressed the error. They ended with telling him and everybody to make sure to check numbers in articles.

I don't think I ever remember that guy coming back. Maybe his schedule got busy; maybe a lot of other things happened. My guess was that he was so offended or embarrassed or just angry that his piece was dissected, he didn't see as if he could write for us anymore. When I think about it now, I think it's so sad that we lost such a great writer possibly due to his lack of his ability to turn criticism into success. I also thought to myself, "What if there are many talented writers, singers, performers, teachers, and scientists in the world that don't have the right attitude in order to accept constructive criticism?" I sure hope no one like this exists among my readers!

Application- We hear it all the time: "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade." How exactly do we do this? Well, it's not hard to do. Actually it only appears hard, because it's a move we only have a chance to make when we're in a really tight situation. This move requires a lot of optimism and perseverance and sometimes our emotions or attitudes distract us from turning those thrown bricks into a great foundation.

Example: I myself at one point fell into the same predicament as the guy from earlier this year. Instead, my mistake was worse, because I did mine intentionally! It was a late Wednesday, and a story was due to Sam's inbox in a

few hours. I had a math test the next morning, and knowing me, it was probably already a very dramatic day. I was putting my finishing touches on a story about Calef Brown, the children's book writer and illustrator. I just needed a few little facts about where he was born, his professional title, etc. When I found it online, I cut and pasted right into my article, then changed a few words around, and sent it in.

Boy, was Sam Monroe hot with me! He noticed the different font, and pasted it online in the google search bar, and sure enough a website popped up. I cannot even begin to express my guilt and embarrassment. So he confronted me, let me know it was wrong, but also with all the tough love, he gave me hints and advice about what to do next time I was in a situation like that.

I wanted to quit writing for The Critic right then. I felt so low. Something, however, told me this was not the way to end it. So I decided to take Sam's criticism and turn it into foundation.

I'm pretty sure from that point on I discovered that I didn't like reporting on school events or any type of real news stuff. I'd much rather give my opinion on just about anything. Thanks to my overall optimism and perseverance I not only refused to quit, but I decided to improve! That's the definition of success! Almost anyone can do well and make it out okay, but who can turn a negative situation into a victorious story?

Report your progress- If you try this application, and you like what you've done, please let me know. Positive feedback is more proof that persuades someone else to try, slowly improving our world!

Letter to the editor:

Let's define "objectivity"

This is a response to the Facebook group "LSC Students supporting objective reporting in The Critic" (hereon referred to as LSCSSORITC) that was created in response to an article that (though never specifically named) of-fended students enough for them to call it a "badly written human interest [piece] [with] thinly disguised references to actual members of our community."

I see that the members of LSCSSORITC are upset that a person shared her opinions in a piece that was published on the Opinions page of the Critic. I agree! I am outraged! How dare a person share his or her opinions on a page so clearly labeled for opinions. I mean what is this world coming to? Who cares that everyday every news station in America (possibly in the world) slanders and misrepresents the news - let's get really mad that someone had the audacity to call out behaviors she (or he) sees as inappropriate on this college campus.

The ways people act have no affect on campus life, so obviously LSCSSORITC is com-

pletely justified in saying that they would rather read articles "relevant to campus life."

I mean, this group is all about objective reporting which is what everyone should be practicing. By definition, to be objective is to be "not influenced by personal feelings, interpretations, or prejudice; based on facts; unbiased" according to dictionary.com. Yeah, our opinion page has no room for personal feelings, interpretations, or prejudice. We should really be publishing our horoscopes or something because that is what I as a college student really need to learn about.

Who CARES about that silly first amendment? If something is biased and personally based it does not belong on the opinion page of a newspaper. They should just, like, blog or something. Better yet, make a Facebook group about it.

Sincerely,
Rachel Keller
Concerned LSC Citizen

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LI player interested in college, looking to go out of state

Sam Monroe
Managing Editor

While the Lyndon State Hornets fight for a playoff spot, Lyndon Institute is developing an up and coming basketball talent.

Senior Jimmy Lau is finishing his career with the Vikings. On Feb. 3 Lau vaulted himself into LI history when he sunk a free throw in a game in which his team won. The point was his 1,100th of his high school career, making him the highest scoring player ever at Lyndon Institute, breaking a record that had been set in 1989.

So is there a chance that we could soon be seeing this record-holding player in the NAC? After the game when asked what his future plans are, Lau responded that he would like to play college basketball. He also said that he is currently considering Thomas College or the University of Southern Maine.

Nothing is final and no commitments have been made to any schools. Lau is focused on the remainder of his season and the remainder of his senior year of high school.

When asked if he had reached out to Lau, Lyndon State head basketball coach Joe Krupinski cited NCAA regulations that forbid him to comment on any potential recruit until the player has committed to Lyndon.



Lau's head coach at LI was unable to be reached for comment before publication.

With so much time remaining in both the school year and basketball season, it is hard to say what color Lau will be wearing next season as he runs onto the court. One thing is for sure: many eyes will be watching for his decision.

Left: Lyndon Institute's Jimmy Lau goes up for a layup as two Lamoille players try to defend him.
Bottom: Lau dribbles around a defender.

Photos by Sam Monroe



The Hornet Report:

All-Academic athletes

The North Atlantic Conference fall All-Academic Team was named this week and includes six Lyndon State athletes.

Ben Arsenault, Sarah Leclerc, Michael Muccilli all from the cross country team; Michelle Petty from the volleyball team; Rebecca Irwin from the women's tennis team; and Ian Oliver from the men's soccer team were all named to the team.

Athletes must have competed in their respective sports for at least two years, obtain the academic status of a junior, and maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

Hockey

Upcoming Events

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2/20/10 NECHA Colonial Conference Semifinals @ Conway Arena in Nashua, N.H.

(times T.B.A.)

2/21/10 NECHA Colonial Conference Finals @ Conway Arena in Nashua, N.H. (times T.B.A.)

Women's Basketball

Upcoming Events

2/12/10 @ vs. Husson University @ 6 p.m.
2/13/10 vs. Maine Maritime Academy @ 2 p.m.
2/19/10 @ Thomas College @ 6 p.m.
2/20/10 @ UMaine-Farmington @ 2 p.m.

Men's Basketball

Upcoming Events

2/12/10 vs. Husson University @ 8 p.m.
2/13/10 vs. Maine Maritime Academy @ 4 p.m.
2/16/10 vs. College of St. Joseph @ 6:30 p.m.
2/19/10 @ Thomas College @ 8 p.m.
2/20/10 @ UMaine-Farmington @ 4 p.m.

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The Monroe Doctrine:

NFL's all-time best QBs



Sam Monroe
Managing Editor

Even the losers get lucky sometimes.

The Saints, yep the Saints won the Super Bowl. Can you believe that? A team that took two decades to put together a winning season; a team that not even Mike Ditka could turn around, a team that four years ago didn't even have a stadium, won the Super Bowl.

And they beat the Colts. A team that was on the verge of becoming a dynasty, with one of the best quarterbacks of all time under center and still the Saints beat them.

So what does this mean for Peyton Manning? There was talk before the game that he was set to write his name in as the best quarterback ever to play that game. But do championships really define the best of all time?

Here is my list of best

quarterbacks:

1) **Joe Montana.** Two MVP's, eight pro bowls. That pretty much does it. His career stats include 273 touchdown passes and 40,551 yards. He won four Super Bowl championships and was named the MVP of three of those.

2) **Brett Favre.** Anybody who read my column a couple of weeks ago knows I can't stand Mr. Favre. But you just can not argue with his numbers: 497 touchdown passes and 69,329 yards kind of speak for themselves.

3) **Dan Marino.** The man who broke all of Montana's records. Even though he never won a Super Bowl. He is still a top tier quarterback, he was so good that he doesn't need a ring.

4) **John Elway.** The comeback kid, is there any arguing this one? He tossed for 300 touchdowns, and 51,475 yards. He went to nine pro bowls, won an MVP and a Super Bowl MVP to go with his 2 championships.

5) **Steve Young.** He put up two MVP's and a Super Bowl MVP. He hoisted the Lombardi trophy three times after replacing a legend, this guy was a freak. He tossed 232 touchdowns and only 107

interceptions, while throwing for more than 33,000 yards.

6) **Terry Bradshaw.** His four Super Bowl rings and two Super Bowl MVP's more than make up for his suspect numbers late in his career.

7) **Tom Brady.** He has played four less seasons than Peyton Manning and has three rings and two Super Bowl MVP's. Put those with the single season records and this guy could crack the top five after retirement.

8) **Peyton Manning.** Great regular season numbers, but he seems to struggle in the postseason. He has one ring to go with his four regular season MVP's, another ring or two and he cracks the top five after he hangs up his cleats.

9) **Johnny Unitas.** It is scary how similar he is to Manning. Great regular season numbers, one ring. He could almost flip-flop with Manning, and they both played for the Colts.

10) **Troy Aikman.** It is tough not to ruffle Troy higher had he played another year or two he may have had six or eight rings and a few MVP's.

Agree? Disagree? Log onto Lyndonstatercritic.com and discuss the topic.

Men's Basketball:

Close in several losses, not far from where they'd ideally like to be

Nick Russo
News Correspondent

One truly does seem to be the loneliest number for the men's basketball team when losing at the last second of the game.

The last two games for the men's basketball team have ended with precisely the same results which have left the team with no one to blame but themselves. In their last two matchups, the Hornets have entered the game's final few minutes leading by double digit margins, only to lose by one point during the last minute.

In the team's most recent losing affair against Johnson State on Tuesday night, Lyndon held a 14 point lead at one point in the final ten minutes of the game. The game's first half was a see-saw back and forth between the two teams, with neither one taking dominant control.

The second half, however, proved to be a different story as Lyndon came out and took a double digit lead.

They held a 10 to 15 point lead for most of the second half and appeared to have the game in the bag. Apparently, the players thought so too.

With only a few minutes remaining in regulation, the Badgers started to close the gap, but it seemed improbable that they could pull off a complete comeback. They went on a 10 point run, and after a few unnecessary fouls and blown coverages by the Lyndon defense, Johnson's Leandro Martinez was at the line shooting a "one and one" with an opportunity to put the Badgers ahead.

Martinez sunk both shots, and with 6.9 seconds remaining, Lyndon could not find the net, and suffered an 85-86 point loss.

see from a veteran team. Our team is not used to playing with the lead.

85-86 point loss.

"There's a combination of factors playing into why we haven't been able to close out games," said head coach Joe Krupinski. "Some of it is complacency, some is lack of focus, and some of it is just not having the situational awareness you would

matter of going out there and reaching our true potential."

Compared to their female counterparts, the men's team has a significantly less daunting task coming up at the end of this week. Lyndon faces third place Husson and last place Maine Maritime on Friday and Saturday, respectively.

When looking at how the conference will shake out in these last few games, Krupinski said that the team will take it one game at a time.

"We go into any game thinking we can win," he said. "Especially this year because I don't think any team in this conference is that great talent wise. It's a fine line between those teams at the top and us; they've just been able to pull it out when we haven't."

The men's team has one extra non-conference game at home next Tuesday when St. Joseph comes to the Stannard Gymnasium. Coach Krupinski says that playing a nonconference game so late

in the season will help to keep the team fresh.

"We are playing them at the same time we played them last season and we thought it worked out well last year," he said. "At this point, practice is starting to get monotonous, so it's a great way for the guys to get some additional live game action."

Lyndon is currently in a three way tie for fifth place in the North Atlantic Conference. Two of those three teams will earn a playoff berth, with Maine Maritime an unlikely outside contender. Coach Krupinski says the best thing the Hornets can do now is put the past behind them.

"We can't let these recent losses affect upcoming games. Are we going to learn from our mistakes or let this thing go down the tank? With this group of guys and the way we have progressed, I think they will strive for and achieve the former."

"Are we going to learn from our mistakes or let this thing go down the tank?"

- Joe Krupinski

Women's basketball:

Battered ballers display determination despite obstacles

Nick Russo
News Correspondent

An up and down season for the women's basketball team has not brought down their spirits.

It was a tough night for the Lady Hornets on Tuesday as they suffered a disappointing last-second defeat against arch-rival Johnson State College 67-69. The women's basketball team has now dropped six conference games in a row, and is in a three way tie for the final playoff spot in the North Atlantic Conference (NAC) with four games remaining.

After trailing 36-31 at the half, Lyndon and Johnson traded a series of scoring streaks until Johnson led by one with less than one minute on the clock.

Lyndon guard Danielle Lafont tied the game at the foul line, but left Johnson an opportunity to score.

Freshman center Donna Lawson was back on defense when Angela Locke of Johnson broke toward the basket. Lawson was called for a foul. Locke made both free throws to put the Badgers up by two, and with little more than a sec-

ond to spare, Lyndon's desperation inbound into the center of the court was unsuccessful.

Head coach Vincent Maloney said that poor defensive play and lack of ball security prevented the team from playing better.

"Defensively we lost some key assignments and not taking care of the ball as well as we would have liked to on offense definitely hurt our team's chances," he said.

"Overall, however, I'm pleased with the way the players stuck with it and battled throughout the game."

Maloney said that the team utilizes the halftime to improve their gameplan.

"We always make adjustments at halftime," he said. "We tried to get the offense moving the ball around because our offense was stagnant in the first half."

One challenge the team faced Tuesday was sickness, as Maloney confirmed that both freshman guard Abby Fadden and Lawson were home over the weekend with a bad stomach illness and missed practice Monday. Junior guard Stephanie Barclay who had five assists and 10 steals in the

loss said there was actually a silver lining in her teammates' illnesses.

"Abby's energy was down and Donna certainly wasn't 100 percent, although I wasn't aware they would not be starting. It's hard to regret not having them start because [senior] Shauna (Buck) played the whole first half and she really stepped it up. I don't know how many steals I had, but I give her credit for forcing most of them."

Barclay said that the team is battered, with sophomore Naomi White playing through a foot injury and freshman Liz Pavlik out for the season due to injury, but insists that the lack of depth this causes the team is no excuse for the Lady Hornets to lose games. She relishes the opportunity to play as many minutes as possible.

Maloney said that in an ideal world, it would be nice to have fresh legs in the game more often and 10 players in order to run a more effective practice.

Maloney points out that his team is still young and lacks the confidence and experience to become a true powerhouse. Based on the effort he

sees his team putting in, Maloney remains optimistic about their chances going forward.

"Several players won championships in high school, and as a result I am extremely pleased to see they still want to learn more and are not complacent with playing at the level they once were. I have already seen vast improvement since we first started practicing together in the fall, and I believe this team is capable of even more."

The team is looking ahead to playing against two of the conference's toughest opponents at the end of this week in the final home games of the regular season. Husson boasts a division leading record of 10-0 in conference play while Maine Maritime (MMA) is tied for second place with a 7-3 conference record.

"First of all, I hate when people say our only chance for another victory is against Thomas," said Barclay. "I think we can go out and beat anyone in this conference, although I will say I prefer to play Husson because Maine Maritime is a rough, physical team that we don't match up well against." She says the Lady Hornets haven't been able to put a complete game together yet, but she thinks if the entire team plays at its highest level and avoids making mistakes they can't overcome, they have as strong a chance as anyone.

"If we play our best games I think we can win," said Maloney. "I admit we are not as talented as they [MMA, Husson] are, but we have the tools and the attitude to maximize our ability and pull out victories."

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Set at Naught

by Cameron Bock

I am standing in the back of a concert hall that my roommate Paul has dragged me to. BrokeNCYDE is playing and stupid white kids are throwing themselves around in a loose circle like the music is poignant or respectable in some conceivably legitimate way. I close my eyes and think of the mid-western bands I've come to relate to: Braid, The Promise Ring, more recently Joie de Vivre, and all things Kinsella. I momentarily worry whether or not I am becoming a music snob but remember where I am and who these people are and feel both better and worse simultaneously. When we get home, Paul is going to want to talk about the show for hours, probably all night. I am not prepared for this. I pull a Tic Tacs container filled with Vicodin from my pocket and pop two as casually as I can. I run a hand down my shirt and adjust my belt buckle. I

scratch my shin with my foot. This band is the clamato juice of music and I feel I am either going to have a nosebleed or go blind.

I walk out and sit on the steps leading up to the venue, finally able to enjoy my ever-increasing mellow. I don't know where Paul is and I don't really care. Traffic is thin for a Saturday night. A girl comes out behind me after a few minutes. The door slowly closes behind her and the shrieking brats inside fade to a dull hum. She lights up a cigarette and throws surreptitious glances in my direction. I ask her if I can bum one and she says sure. I tell her she can sit down so she sits next to me, one step below. We listen as two kids walk slowly by on the sidewalk, talking about psychiatry. The tall one is giving a vainglorious lecture about altruism and how he's helped people turn their lives around, saved them from life-threatening decisions out of the kindness of his own heart, his broad and bottomless concern for the whole of

humanity, et cetera. The shorter one just nods and smiles and claps the tall one on his back while he makes subtle gestures with his long hands to accent the grandiose claims of unabashed selflessness. I look over at the girl next to me.

"You catch any of that?"

"Sounds like a bunch of masturbatory dog shit."

"I think most people have the power to solve their own problems, but don't. They want someone to set the ultimatum so they don't have to be alone when they make their inevitable failures, their... self-fulfilling prophecies."

She nods real slow and takes a drag off her cigarette, narrowing her eyes, "Yeah. Fuck people," and grins a little.

The dull aching throb of the music muffled behind the door at our back falls attune with my own broken pulse, harmonizing, and the night becomes a symphony of smoke and jagged cynicism. It is at this moment I realize she is the girl I will marry.

No Title

by Steve Cormier

What is it to forsake all except the wind in the leaves? The great lawns before me now pattern out their grasses in that same wind – the waves of green, simple and satisfying to me.

The winding trails, the Work of Man, distract all within their all-to-ironic silence – how morbid... and I must return to that path now, called on by my own manhood, but I still forsake them, mindfully, to be alone, once again, in these waning moments of sunlight – summer's thrill.

Again

by Tana Stevens

Neon blue numbers stare back at me.
They speak to me, telling me that you aren't showing up
Again.

A perfect night, lost.
No night on the town,
No showing me off in your new convertible
Because you're not showing up
Again.

Tonight is no different than any night before.
We won't make better memories to erase the bad
Even for just a few hours.

Tonight there will be no you, me or us
But there will be no fighting or insults,
No bruises on arms or egos.
There will be no damages to hearts
Or self-confidence.

The numbers on the clock face flicker
Only briefly and I finally understand
What they are trying to say.

I am just fine without you.

Hector, the Flying Rose, and the Tea of Awesome

by Patrick Carr

Walter lifted his teacup from saucer, taking a sip. "Looks like particularly good weather today, Hector."

Hector, Walter's twelve katana-wielding chimpanzee companion pursed his lips and blew, spitting. "Indeed, Hector, indeed."

Walter took another sip of tea, twitching his English mustache. "My, look at the beautiful countryside down below."

"It is indeed great to live on a giant floating rose.

My, there seems to be smoke pouring up from yonder township."

Walter set the teacup onto the saucer in his left hand. "There you go, Miss Thunder, nice and cozy on your saucer."

Walking over to a petal Walter worked the flower controls with his right hand. Bubbles poured out from the stamen as the rose slowed its progression and began to hover over the small town. He lifted up a megaphone. "I say, good people, your town seems to be ablaze. Are you in need of assistance?"

One small boy stopped in the street. "Are you bloody blind? The Hall of Congress is on fire, and the mayor is in such distress that he has locked himself inside of his horse and refuses to come out."

The young boy then went back to filling buckets with spit.

Walter pulled a random blue cord and the rose

began to shudder and mist dripped from the petals, extinguishing the fire. "Shall we go down and lend a hand to recovery, Hector?"

Walter pulled the green lever and waved Hector over to him. Hector wielded his twelve katanas and hobbled over. The petal on which they were standing lowered down to the town square below.

Out from a horse's mouth dropped the mayor. "You have saved Isotopic, good chap. Take this life-sized replica of my hand made of cheese."

Once Walter accepted this honor and subsequent parade, he and Hector went back up to their rose floating above the town and floated away. "Tomorrow's another journey, bobo. Tomorrow's another journey."

*He drinks over the land,
he drinks over the sea, he
never does sleep, he just drinks
his tea.*

Stolen Bikes

by Steve Cormier

When property infects
the purer senses of self
the seeming absence
can be just as painful
as amputating one's arm.

Now men cry over stolen bikes
while carrying their good daughters
in firm grip
as they stroll
the streets of a sun soaked day.

With time and discipline
the noticeably changed amputee
no longer feels physical pain
shown outwardly
and continues to live.

Hope is a man and good daughter
strolling along in love
unaffected by property
both in presence
and in absence.

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What is your opinion of Valentine's Day?

Madison Cox
News editor



"It's fairly overrated and highly based on consumerism."

--Patrick Carr, junior English.



"For me, Valentine's Day is fun to share with my boyfriend of five years! But it can be a depressing reminder to people who don't have anyone to share it with. It also creates a lot of expectations for some people, but I see it as something to look forward to."

--Kenzi Carr, junior business.



"Valentine's Day is really great and the best part is going out to dinner because you always end up going to a decent restaurant."

--Jordan Sherman, junior atmospheric science.



"It's a double-edged sword. When you have someone it's great, but you have to spend a lot of money on them. If you don't have someone, it means you don't have to spend money, but you're also alone."

--Drew Harding, junior digital media



"I believe the idea of Valentine's Day is really sweet, but it's become too much about cards, chocolates, and flowers."

--Sara Marquette, junior English.



"I think it's a frivolous holiday. I like the fact that it gives people a chance to express their love. The principles behind it are noteworthy, but it shouldn't be about materialistic gain."

--Noah Fink, senior English.



"It's probably one of the biggest wastes of time, money, and energy. Valentine's Day seriously has no purpose."

--Jesse Murray, freshman physical education and pre-professional physical therapy.



"I love it! I think it's nice to have a holiday celebrating love regardless of if you're in a relationship or not."

--Emma Shattuck, sophomore social sciences.

"Zombieland" spooks its audiences and leaves them on the edge of their seats

Noel Berthiaume
Entertainment Writer

ZOMBIELAND is officially the most incredible movie I've ever seen. I wasn't expecting to like it because I saw Abigail Breslin on the movie poster.

In my head I was going

"What? HER in a zombie movie? Is it a spoof? How can that be a serious Zombie movie if she's in it?"

I just wasn't a fan, I don't know why. But honest to God Zombieland is anything and everything you could ever want in a zombie movie. It FINALLY has a

main character that does what he is supposed to do.

FINALLY he is smart enough to ALWAYS CHECK THE BACKSEAT because you know if you don't check it that means someone is usually back there. To Limber Up before taking down Zombies because right when

you have a chance of not being eaten the last thing you need is a cramp in your side. To do what's affectionately dubbed "The Double Tap", just because it's down doesn't mean it's dead. Shoot it again just to be extra sure.

It's one of those movies

that doesn't take itself too seriously, it's wicked funny, and somehow the whole thing isn't too much of a joke. (The way the Scary Movies are) You can still buy the story and the characters. I have brand-new respect for Abigail Breslin now, that movie redeemed her.

"Off the Fence" opens at Quimby Gallery Friday

professor of digital media displays his art

LYNDONVILLE, Vt.-- Quimby Gallery Putting on an Art Show

The Quimby Gallery is having an open art show, and the artist, Jeff Case, a professor of digital media at LSC, has been working long and hard on the pieces he will be exhibiting.

"My work for this show is mixed media work, mostly illustrations," Case said. "But I will also be presenting a digital piece."

The art show is called "Off the Fence" and opens at 6 p.m. on Feb. 12. The show will run through March 16.

"On average we have about 25 people show up to openings," Barclay Tucker, chairman of the Visual Arts Department, said. "That is considered good."

Tucker said refreshments will be served at the opening.

Department of social sciences hosts "Anatomy of Love" presentation

LYNDONVILLE, Vt.--February is the season of love, but what makes a human being seek out a certain mate over others? Is it all about biology? Mathematics? If you're curious about love and attraction, come to the panel discussion "The Anatomy of Love" on Feb. 18.

"So often we assume that people fall in love with their soulmates or that they are drawn to people who match their fairy-tale depiction of romantic love," Janet Bennion, professor of anthropology at Lyndon State College said.

Bennion will be basing the discussion on the works of anthropologist Helen Fisher, whose research suggests falling in love is more about bio-chemistry and genetic fitness.

The panel, which will take place at 12:30 p.m. at LSC in room T202 in Vail, will be informal and open for discussion.

Speakers at the event will include Bennion and LSC professors Alexandre Stokanov, Alan Giese, David Johnston, and Daisy McCoy. Bennion hopes to add psychologists,

historians, and biologists to the roster.

"My colleagues will take various stances on love: Alexandre Stokanov will speak about arranged marriages, Daisy McCoy will touch on the mathematics of attraction, and David Johnston will speak about the philosophy of romance/love. Alan Giese will be a check on the whole group to see which explanation makes most scientific sense," Bennion said.

Students, faculty, and staff are all encouraged to attend and participate.

Lyndonville Rotary Club to hold annual penny sale

LYNDONVILLE, Vt.--The Lyndonville Rotary Club will host a Penny Sale on March 6 at Lyndon Institute.

Members of the Lyndon State Rotaract club are selling raffle tickets for this event on campus. The raffle tickets are being sold between now and March 6.

The winning raffle tickets will be drawn, and winners announced at the penny sale.

Participants in the raffle have a chance to win hundreds of dollars worth of prizes. The five prizes available to win are a \$400 gift card to White's Market, a \$250 gas card from Fordham's Mobil Mart, 100 gal-

lons of #2 fuel oil from Fred's Plumbing and Heating (within delivery area), a \$500 cherry TV cabinet from Calender Brook Cabinetry, and a \$1300 solid cherry table from Stahler Furniture and Lyndon Furniture.

Lyndon State Rotaract Club president Curtis Mathewson said that the winning

tickets will be drawn at the penny sale and that winners do not have to be present to claim their prizes, they will be contacted using the information that they provided on their tickets.

"The penny sale is actually not a sale at all, but more of a lottery," Mathewson said. "This is the Lyn-

don Rotary's single biggest fundraiser that is held annually at Lyndon Institute. Participants in the sale pay \$1 to have one ticket with their name on it added to the prize drawing. Anyone can buy any number of tickets for \$1 apiece, and a total of 100 tickets will be drawn."

In celebration of Black History Month, members of the Lyndon State community will read selections and share music from notable African-Americans during The Spoken Word.

This event is scheduled for Tuesday, February 16th, from 12:30 - 1:20 in the Samuel Read Hall Library. For more information, contact Pat Shine

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Gwen Cook
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Cooking with Cook

Recipes to heat up your Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is one of those holidays we associate with food. The guy takes the girl out to a special dinner and the girl makes the guy his favorite snack, we all understand how it goes. Not a lot of thought goes into the connection between food and love though.

Valentine's Day should be focusing on foods that make a connection and arouse the senses. Taking your date out for a meal of burgers and fries isn't necessarily going to get the lovey, sentimental vibe going. The day is supposed to be memorable after all.

The best foods for this holiday are ones that bring special attention to the mouth. Chocolate is a very sensual food, probably the reason it is so commercialized combines with fruit that is something that can be eaten slowly and savored. Chicken is one of those foods that can be eaten delicately so it will fill you but you won't look like a slob in the process. Hope these recipes make everyone's holiday more enjoyable.

Chocolate covered fruit
Strawberries, grapes, pineapple chunks and or-

ange slices
1-2 bars of bittersweet chocolate

Toothpicks
Directions-

Melt the chocolate in a double broiler. Dip the fruit in the chocolate. Place on a cooling rack and put in the fridge until completely cooled. You can pick them up and eat them with the toothpicks if you're worried about getting your hands messy.

Chicken bake

3 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
1 can of cream of chicken soup
1 box of stuffing
2 cups of broccoli
½ cup of cheese

Directions-

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Cook the broccoli in a steamer until done. Following the directions on the stuffing box, prepare and set aside. Place the chicken breasts in a 13 by 9 inch pan. Pour the cream of chicken soup over the chicken followed by the broccoli. Scoop out the stuffing and use it to cover over the chicken and broccoli. Sprinkle the cheese on top. Place in the oven and bake for 30-35 minutes or until the chicken is fully cooked.

If you have recently attended an event and would like to submit a review, or if you know of any local events going on, e-mail Aimee Lawton at:
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Anais Mitchell

Spirit Squad dances for no dollars

Madison Cox
News Editor

Club representatives didn't dance around the issue of slashing the Spirit Squad's budget request at Wednesday night's meeting.

Vice president of the Spirit Squad Katee Ingram defended the club's \$7,095 total request, saying she hopes there is more of an interest in joining next year.

"I feel like most of your budget is based off 'if we get 20 girls next semester'," Stephanie Tyler, SGA adviser, said. Tyler suggested the club come back in the fall to request more money if there are more interested dancers.

Freshman elected representative Arianna Millington chose a less polite approach when addressing Ingram. Millington said that the club does not entertain the student body enough, and that is why it does not receive much financial support from the SGA.

"I'm just saying what everyone else is thinking," she said.

"That is a personal attack," SGA president Andrew Chapin said. "You need to watch that."

Sophomore elected representative Rachel Keller motioned to cut uniform pants, pom poms, knee pads, mirrors

and hotel and registration fees from the budget, totaling \$6,485. The motion was approved, leaving the Spirit Squad with \$610 left in its requested budget. Further cuts could be made during the budgeting phases in the future.

American Women in Radio and Television also took large cuts to its budget. It was requesting \$9,800 for a media forum, national membership fees, the costs of using a van and a trip to the 'Gracies', an awards ceremony.

Chris Shadrock, senior elected representative, motioned to cut \$1,000 from the media forum budget, as well as \$1,500 from the Gracies. This was approved by the SGA quickly, leaving the club with \$7,300 to work with in the next phases.

Rugby club members will now be required to pay for their own shorts and socks next year, after a motion to cut \$900 for the items was approved. Keller suggested the club raise its dues per member.

The Outing Club had \$1,700 of its requested \$6,050 cut. Because the club still has \$4,885 left over from this year's budget, and a history of having unused funds, some SGA members felt it should cut back next year.

"I feel like this is the same song

and dance as last year," Shadrock said.

The Twilight Players representative Dave Daley explained the club's need for microphones and other technical equipment.

"The acoustics in the theater are horrible," he said.

\$250 of the lighting supplies request was cut, leaving the club with a current requested budget of \$9,450 until the next phase.

The Lyndon Strikers had \$1,000 of its Saturday open bowling events cut after Dave Daley made a motion to cut it in half.

High Society representative Brian Wilcock raised concerns about the necessity of having these events when LSC hosts two Insomnia Bowling nights each year.

Keller expressed concern about the lack of results in the club's fundraising efforts.

Strikers representative Jordan Sherman explained that most fundraising comes from tournaments

and raffles.

"There hasn't been a major source of income for fundraising this year," he said.

The hockey club lost \$300 for miscellaneous socks and jerseys, reducing its requested budget to \$34,525.

Outside the Box had \$300 cut from its budget, which would have covered the cost of membership to AIGA, a society for graphic designers.

Wilcock motioned to have the money taken out, saying that the SGA had decided previously to deny funds for the same society.

The American Meteorological Society lost \$300 for the annual Winter Ball, due to lack of attendance. This year, only 40 people attended the ball.

Other clubs took less painful hits to their budgets, ranging from \$5 to \$150. However, there are more budgeting meetings in the future, which will lead to bigger and more controversial cuts.

SGA budgeting season underway

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Bumpy ride



Critic Editor Ben Holbrook drives his car through the pothole ridden Stonehenge parking lot. Stonehenge repaving though, greatly needed, will not be in the near future due to lack of funding. See story on Page 2.

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Timeline to repair Stonehenge parking lot still full of holes

Sam Monroe and Arianna Millington
Critic Staff

The maintenance department is not deaf to the cries from students to fix the Stonehenge parking lot.

"We are just as excited to have it done as the students are, and we definitely understand the need for it," said Tom Archer, director of the physical plant.

With that said, Archer knows he can't get the parking lot done quickly. According to Archer, the reconstruction of the parking lot would cost about \$1.7 million. There is currently a plan to relocate the basketball courts next to Stonehenge to create 35 more parking spaces; however, a timeline for the project isn't certain.

"Maybe 2011 or 2012," said Archer.

Repaving the parking lot is not as simple of a job as it would seem. Along with reconstructing of the lot, there

would have to be work done on the electrical lines and pipes that run underground.

Also, lights and storm drains must be replaced with the reconstruction of the parking lot. Another hurdle the college faces is getting approval by the state for the project.

Although Archer says it would take a "miracle" to complete the project by the start of the 2010 fall semester, he is optimistic that there will be some patching done in the near future.

"Money is so hard to find," Archer said.

However, Lyndon is working on saving money with the recent upgrades made to the campus in the recent past.

"We're working on efficiency," he said.

Archer says that in the past three years, fuel, electrical, and oil bills have come down with the replacement of windows and renovations made.

Students present Guatemala adventures, new club ideas

Madison Cox
News Editor

Before the ruckus of budgeting began, a general business meeting was held before the student government association to discuss a new club, the Guatemala trip, and a trip to New York City on Wednesday evening.

The Society of Professional Journalists was inducted as a new club, after president Dylan Schlossberg explained the purpose.

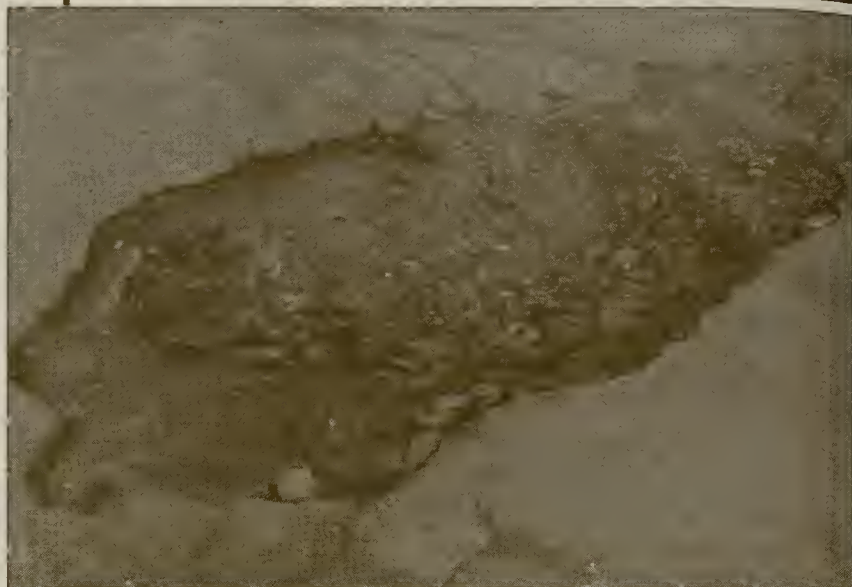
"It's all about promoting ethics and first-amendment rights," he said, "It's a very prestigious organization."

The club will cover print, radio and television aspects of

journalism.

Members of the Critic will be attending the College Media Advisors Convention in New York City from March 14-16. The club requested \$914 to cover transportation and hotel expenses. Participants each paid individual registration fees and one night of the hotel out of fundraising money.

The students who went to Guatemala for a service-learning trip presented a slideshow and synopsis of their adventures. The group helped with the maintenance of a school, interacted with students, climbed a volcano and visited a coffee plantation.



Above is one of the many potholes prevalent throughout the Stonehenge parking lot

Photo by Sam Monroe

Small club, small budget, tiny cut

Sebastian C. Lury
Sports Editor

The Rotaract club requested the smallest amount of money out of all of the clubs, which proved to be a successful strategy during the first night of budgeting.

The club requested the least amount of money from SGA of all the associated clubs. At Wednesday's budgeting meeting, the SGA cut only \$5 of their proposed budget. The total amount requested was \$155.

According to Ryan Longe, the club's treasurer, Rotaract had no problem cutting their only Line A item, \$5 for photocopies.

"We were unaware that SGA actually gives us 150 anyway in their budget," said Longe.

That left \$150 in Line B items, including money for supplies, the shelter walk, food, and Jump Jazz Jubilee.

"It's a connection with Northeast Kingdom Youth

Services," said club representative Bennett Sayles, of Jump Jazz Jubilee. "It's one of their big fundraising events that we're helping out with. It's at the St. Johnsbury country club where it's basically a dinner they put on."

"We're pretty much extra hands throughout the whole thing," Longe said.

"The money goes to their mentor program at Northeast Kingdom Youth Services," said Sayles.

Longe says that the club is excited about the outcome so far of budgeting.

"I feel good about it," he said, "because we're all charity; we don't take anything; we all donate."

Longe says that the request of the small amount was what the club thought would work best for them.

"We could have asked for more, but, seriously, it would have been greedy," he said, "If we spend more than what we asked for, I'd be surprised. If we spend less than what we asked for, I'd be surprised."

Longe understands that the possibility of further cuts still exists, but is not worried about it.

"I don't see a problem with it," he said in a follow-up interview over the phone. "We are all comfortable with it passing. We asked for the right amount. No more. No less. We want to get this organization as active and productive as possible."

The way that Rotaract can avoid higher costs, according to Longe, is by avoiding expenses wherever possible.

"We don't charge for transportation; we just go do it ourselves," he said, "Every time we go to the Rotary once a month, we just carpool."

Longe says that one of the best rewards of being in the club to him is not financial or monetary.

"When I went down to the Lyndonville food bank to drop off the check, the woman's face was priceless," he said. "She was like, 'thank you.'"

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Free chips!

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I want that plant!

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Freedom or Fear? The 9/11 Legacy

Robert Patton
Critic Staff

FDR said it best: "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." Of course, when he said it Americans had a lot to fear. Banks were failing and, without FDIC protection, many lost their life savings. Jobs were scarce and there were no food stamps for the hungry. But what FDR said back then is right on target today.

For a long time we lived in fear of a far-off adversary and built enough weapons to destroy the earth just to feel secure. That adversary violated the rights of its own people for seven decades only to collapse of its own weight. There was a lesson to be learned from that collapse. Freedom works. But somehow, we didn't get it.

And then our world turned upside down. We were upended by only 19 fanatics who flew hijacked aircraft into two of our largest office buildings in the financial capital of the world and flew a third into the living symbol of what Eisenhower called the military-industrial complex.

A fourth plane was diverted from its intended target by brave American passengers on that flight who lost their lives heroically when the aircraft crashed into a Pennsylvania meadow.

There was a lesson to be learned from that attack, but once again we didn't get it. Our President, after spending a couple of days running from a threat that didn't exist and then hiding inside a mountain finally emerged and told us why we were attacked. "They hate us for our freedom," he said.

And then he and his cronies started to take away those freedoms one by one.

We soon learned who was behind the attack and we knew where he was hiding, with a ragtag bunch of ill-equipped guerillas, in the rugged mountains of Afghanistan. We could have sent in the Marines or the Rangers, or the Army's 10th Mountain Division and victory would have been ours in a few days.

Instead we demanded that the government of Afghanistan do the job for us. When they declined, did we send our crack troops into the mountains? Instead we negotiated with a bunch of rebels in Northern Afghanistan to take over the country using our weapons, our air support, and, of course, our money.

Our President proudly told us that young girls were back in school in Afghanistan and he wasn't really worried about Osama bin Laden. Meanwhile our representatives in Washington had crafted several hundred pages of legislation that were quickly passed without any of them reading the document. They insulted the intelligence of every American by calling it the Patriot Act.

They kept telling us that the world had changed since 9/11. Had it? Well yes it did, but not because of what those 19 lunatics did. The world changed because of how our leaders reacted. And the reason we let them get away with it was FEAR.

We ignored the fact that our government didn't prevent the terrorists from crashing the fourth airliner into whatever Washington target they had in mind. It was the passengers that did it. We ignored the fact that, since the early 1970s our official policy toward hijackers was to "give them what they ask for." Meanwhile the official policy on military aircraft was and is to resist any attempt to take over a plane.

The surprising thing is not that 19 hijackers could seize four airliners. The big surprise is that the policy of non resistance didn't attract terrorists earlier. The lesson we all should have learned is that security begins at home. That's why we lock our doors. That's why we don't stroll in bad neighborhoods at two in the morning.

Yes, we have police. And if we are robbed, mugged, raped, or murdered, they will work hard to find and arrest the guilty party. But police can't be everywhere at once and we have to take responsibility for our own protection.

After passing laws to strip Americans of rights that were first expressed in the Declaration of Independence and later appended to our Constitution as the Bill of Rights, we were told that these laws worked. The proof? No more terrorist attacks in the US since September 11, 2001.

What do you think would happen if four or five passengers leaped from their seats on a jet aircraft, killed a flight attendant or two and then told the other 200 passengers to remain seated. Come on! The passengers would rip the hijackers apart.

Well, what about the more recent attempts to bring down passenger aircraft? Have you seen a picture of the shoe bomber? He should have been in a mental hospital. Who foiled his attempt to blow up his shoes? The passengers, of course. And then there was the underwear bomber. Again the passengers took charge.

So what are we afraid of? What is at the root of fear so strong (and totally unjustified) that we permitted our elected leaders to violate our rights and to start two major wars that, when the final tally is in, will have cost us trillions of dollars, thousands of American lives and hundreds of thousands of dead Iraqi and Afghan civilians?

In the end, we do have a great deal to fear, but the threat is not from outside. The threat is what we are allowing to happen to our country. And fear, irrational fear, is what is rendering us powerless to stop it.

It's only business

Sam Monroe
Managing Editor

For those of you who have yet to hear: budgeting for SGA has begun.

Once again, some clubs are faring better than others. Most club representatives dread the walk into the room, standing before the assembled forces in defense of their club's massive budgets, doing a job that has to be done.

And budgeting is only that: just a job and nothing personal. That is what all representatives — club and elected — are told by the SGA executive board. Yet every year someone seems to make it personal.

Last year, a third-year elected representative called out a club representative for underage drinking, bringing his personal life into budgeting. He did this because the club representative had been asking about alleged drinking on a SGA sponsored trip. The elected rep's comments labeled as being inappropriate and unfounded in a Critic editorial last year.

This year has already found, after only one budgeting session, a first-year elected rep accusing the spirit squad of not being very good in response to their budgeting requests. What makes this comment worse is that it was made by a former member of the spirit squad, which makes it seem like a personal vendetta.

Really? Is this why we should cut their budget? Because they are not a professional dance team? Should we shut The Critic down because there are a few spelling errors? No, we are students and we will make mistakes. The Detroit Lions didn't get cast away from the NFL after their 0-16 season.

Budgeting is a long process that needs to be done. As representatives of clubs and students-at-large we need to do what is in the best interest of the student body as a whole.

Please, all I ask is that we act like college students and treat this as what it is: business, and not personal. And if you cannot do that, please step aside and let the mature people do the job that needs to be done.

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Lyndonville attorney announces bid for state senate

Ben Holbrook
Critic Editor

An alumnus of Lyndon State College announced a bid for the state senate, and is looking to return fiscal responsibility to Vermont.

Joe Benning, an attorney in Lyndonville, is a Republican and graduate of LSC and Vermont Law School, and has been practicing law in Vermont for 26 years. Currently, Benning is the chair of the Human Rights Commission and is still a member, as well as being the former president of the Lyndonville Rotary Club. When asked why Benning would like to stay in the state senate when Vermont's budget is in disarray, Benning said, "I love this

state and I love its people. Vermont has a long and proud tradition of maintaining those core obligations while providing for those truly in need."

Benning's former community service includes serving as the president of the LSC College Foundation; he was also a member of the Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees, served two years on the Lyndon Town School Board, served on the Caledonia County Task Force on Domestic Violence and represented the Town of Lyndon in legal matters as town agent.

Benning has also spent 20 years on the Lyndonville Stars and Stripes Festival committee, helped to install a

walking path along the Passumpsic River and led a 10-year campaign by the Rotary club to clean up the Passumpsic River.

Returning the state to fiscal responsibility is a serious concern of Benning's. "I believe the state government has three core obligations: education, public safety and infrastructure," said Benning. Benning feels that the state government is struggling because legislators have lost their focus in regards to the three key areas of government. "We've been trying to do too much for too many for too long with too little," said Benning.

Other areas of concern for Benning include an aging working popu-

lation, which Benning addressed. "We must reverse the recent explosive growth in state government and return to fiscal responsibility if we are going to preserve that legacy for our children and grandchildren. If elected, I'll do what I can to bring that concept to Montpelier." Benning lives in Lyndonville with his wife Deb of 27 years, who teaches second grade at Lyndon Town School. Benning and his wife have two children, Emily, who recently graduated from Cornell University, and Justin, who is currently enrolled in the Vermont Technical College.

Club's cash requests cover wide margins, small to large

Aimee Lawton
Entertainment Editor

A number of clubs on campus are looking to get their hands on more green during budgeting than in past years.

Other clubs are seeing small increases, no change, and even a decrease for one club.

Out of all the SGA sponsored clubs on campus, Sigma Zeta is the only one requesting less money than they received last year. After receiving \$905 this year, Sigma is requesting only \$900 next year.

The Campus Activities Board and the Lyndon Emergency Responders are seeing no change in their requests for next school year. CAB is entitled to half of the general fund each year

for the activities and events that they bring to campus.

A club seeing a large change in their budget is A Society of Students in Service Together. After being allocated absolutely no money for 2009-2010, ASSIST is requesting a mere \$250.

There are a few clubs asking for budgets for the first time. The Leadership Recognition Committee is requesting a budget of \$355. ROTARACT, is requesting \$155, and the Lyndon State College track and field club, is requesting \$3,200. The Student Investment Group is asking for \$5,000.

Other clubs saw budget increases in the range of hundreds and thousands. The Anime Club is asking for a budget of \$1,000 for next year, equating to almost a 20,000 percent in-

crease. American Women in Radio and Television is increasing their budget by 224.5 percent, with a current allotted budget of \$3,020 and a requested budget of \$9,800 for next school year. The Lyndon Strikers were allotted \$805 this year, and are requesting \$4,500 for next year. The Lan Party Club is asking to increase its budget from the allotted \$554.42 to \$1358.92.

The Lyndon College Republicans are seeing a 290.94 percent increase in their budget request. The Spirit Squad requested \$7,095 after being allotted only \$2244.50 this year—an increase of 216.11 percent. Outside the Box design group is seeing a budget increase of 128.08 percent. Lyndon Ultimate is seeing a 162.36 percent increase in their budget request.

The remainder of the clubs will see smaller increases in budget if they

are approved. Alpha Lambda Delta asked for a 20.79 percent increase in their budget. The American Meteorological Society and National Weather Association are anticipating a 43.09 percent increase. The Critic is looking at a 9.93 percent budget increase, while the Hockey Club is looking for an increase of 23.47 percent. The Role Playing Club asked for a 43.51 percent increase, Rugby will look for a 7.80 percent increase, and Students for Campus Conservation an 11.42 percent increase. The Student Government Association is planning to increase their budget by 33.15 percent, the Twilight Players are looking at about a 56.33 percent increase, and WWLR hopes to see an increase of 32 percent.

Vermont State College's chancellor makes annual visit

Sam Monroe
Managing Editor

Timothy Donovan, the chancellor of the Vermont State College system wants to get a better idea of what student life is like on the campus of Lyndon State College.

Timothy Donovan has been the chancellor for seven months and is in the process of doing campus wide visits to all five Vermont State Colleges and was at Lyndon on the Thursday before break. At the time of publication, Donovan had finished his tour of the state colleges.

He spent the entire day at Lyndon meeting with students and faculty, giving different presentations and listening to different members of the student body and the faculty.

"It helps me get a perspective of what is possible and what is important to the students," Donovan said of meeting with some of the student leaders. "Change will happen, it will either happen accidentally or it will happen with


some intention," he said. Student feedback helps him develop those changes.

"People want this to be a successful college. Students want it to be successful and the people who work here

really want it to be successful," he said. "This is an amazing community of folks, they know more about what this college is capable than I do. If I can learn enough about the college that it helps me learn about the col-

leges."

Donovan says the overall goal, as chancellor is to "help the five colleges reach full potential if I can do that I can retire a happy man."


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 Many miles since we have walked to determined destinations I
 have sought,
 From fancy new fit to a more smooth moves worn-in groove
 One evening of drunken debauchery you were known forever
 forward as *Penfucked*,
 Slowly your sad soles began to bust,
 Your once ravenous red dulled with dust, white laces dingy
 and blue star stingy,
 I tried to keep you from falling apart; guerrilla glue, duct tape,
 fresh Febreze,
 Yet still you decay and smell of decomposing cheese
 I saw them sitting there smartly upon the shelf,
 I had to have them I thought of nothing else,
 I now stand shamefully as I slip you silently into the new
 shoebox,
 I close the lid and bury you in a dark forgettable spot...



Photo by Christine Slater

a morbid lord's day
 by Steve Cormier

i have become overly aware of my own mortality and instead of freeing me i am drowning as i
 feel the weight of tears fill my stomach, my lungs, anchoring down my heart to this place, fear-
 ful to leave, knowing it will not come again.

i often spout a mantra, ever wishing that the sheer repetition will keep a mere hope alive, that
 without God we are free to face our common destinies and equally freed by this to animate
 every finite point of this world as we like.

instead, as is now, i am mortified into paralysis – possibilities that once seemed endless as
 “being” now debate within the great well of my mind over “right” and “wrong” courses to
 plot, never capable of overtaking one another.

and i know it is a capability fraught with impossibility – impossible to find the outcome else-
 where, external – for if God does not exist then it is my mind, being the only thing i will ever
 know (“i think therefore i am”) that must bear the brunt and strife of moral construction.

and now, facing death-in-possibility at every turn, i yell, “stop being so fucking lazy. get up,
 get going and get with it. for since none of this will come again the true testament of the heart
 is living LIFE at every turn to combat resignation and hopelessness until, inevitably, destiny's
 turn comes.”

By Patrick Carr

Here I sit on throne adorned with crown.
 I fought and I struggled knowing the cost
 knowing some would burn and the rest would drown,
 but I am proud of those who have been lost.
 Rushing and screaming into the blaze of battle
 my men were valiant they did not ever cower,
 even though they were slaughtered like bunches of cattle.
 The shots of cannons called out hour after hour
 whizzing and barreling straight through our walls.
 We stood fast and retaliated back hard
 as they tore our walls like a lion mauls.
 Tears from widows shatter like a glass shard
 showing the price we have paid for what's now.
 I wouldn't go back even if I knew how.

Blue Ribbons for All
 by J. L. Rossi

We are setting off,
 each riding a prize winner,
 but neither of us
 will make it to the finish.
 We will lurch after,
 with foaming mouths
 and whipping hands,
 this thing we call recovery.
 The rules are simple.
 We will dress nicer, and date
 better looking people than
 ourselves, spend too much
 money on dinner and
 whichever of us laughs
 loudest in a group
 of strangers, while
 the other passes
 by the finish line
 wins.

Abjure/ Verb/ You
 by J. L. Rossi

expelled like hot
 piss from the body
 one cannot simply
 know the word
 but return it,
 like a bad check
 not disbelieving
 an extra wrinkle
 on the heart,
 but that it beats
 hot-hard, in the chest
 negotiating
 itself in the dark.

Puddle Mirror

by Karen Sague

I stand before myself
 And I stare
 Into my eyes
 Searching for life
 When it seems I have
 None.
 I often have to wonder
 If it's really me
 Staring back out
 Or,
 Am I the reflection
 Of the person staring back at me?
 But a reflection disappears
 When you move past the puddle.
 So if she moves,
 Will I vanish?
 Am I the reflection
 Of the person staring back at me?
 So I'll just stand here,
 Staring at myself,
 Until one of us,
 decides to move.

Did You Know
 by Danni H. Spark

Did you know
 that you can catch shooting stars
 on your tongue?
 My sister did it last night
 in the dark of an incoming storm.

Did you know
 you can brush your teeth
 with an axe?
 My brother did it one early morning
 as the sun started to rise.

Did you know
 that you can breathe
 milk?
 My cousin did it in the pool
 as the sun was starting to set.

Did you know
 that you can advise
 a balloon on where to go?
 My father did it on the morning
 of my fifth birthday.

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Seniors bid farewell to Lyndon basketball

Nick Russo
Critic Staff

Despite a disappointing departure on the court, senior basketball players reminisce fondly on the season.

Three seniors in the basketball program have said goodbye to their respective teams after a disappointing end to the season for both teams. Patrick McCarthy and Jacob Freeman have played several seasons with the men's team, while Shauna Buck had an opportunity to play one season with the Lady Hornets.

McCarthy played as a starting center this year and was the team's lone captain after they lost Noah Fink to ineligibility due to his credits. McCarthy thinks the team didn't reach its full potential because they were not disciplined on the court.

"It came down to disci-

pline," McCarthy said. "That goes on us as players not displaying discipline in games and we weren't disciplined enough in practice. When we were slacking we should have been reprimanded."

McCarthy says he is as dissatisfied as anyone in the way the season ended.

"Obviously we would've liked to make playoffs. I know our goal as a team was to go out there and win every single game we played in. It just didn't turn out that way," said McCarthy. "It's disappointing in the NAC as far as wins and losses go and not making playoffs, but it was a great group of guys I played with. Each of my four years playing basketball at Lyndon have been great, I wouldn't trade it for anything."

Forward Jacob Freeman, who played three years for the hornets, echoed this sentiment. "We set off to a good

start, but it didn't workout for us. The season definitely came to a fast close. I'm disappointed it's over because it's my senior year and last year playing varsity basketball. No regrets though."

Freeman did not have an opportunity to play much this season, and said he was surprised he was unable to make more of a contribution to the team.

"I thought coach (Krupinski) would think we could use Jake as a scorer or even as a defender or whatever, because I was told I was a versatile player," Freeman said. "Not getting a lot of playing time was tough since I'm a senior. I didn't understand why he didn't need me and why he didn't tell me he didn't need me."

He told me he'd like me on the team at the beginning of the season, but then he didn't give me a reason I didn't play. That makes me think: what could I have done better? Did I not do something that prevented me from getting playing time?"

When looking back at his time playing basketball at LSC, McCarthy said his defining moment was during the first week of freshman try-outs.

"My friend Mike Thilbault and I were going up for the last spot on the team. We were doing a box out drill over and over again, for about

15-20 minutes," he said. "It was just the two of us going for it as hard as we could. That work ethic set the tone for my entire career, just battling it out and working as hard as I can."

Freeman also has fond memories of Lyndon.

"The first thing I would like to say is Circle! Circle!" he said. "Aside from that, going up against some of the big division one schools such as Dartmouth was really great."

In spite of its failure to make the playoffs, Freeman said this year's team was his favorite to play on.

"Everyone could talk to anyone, even the women's team," he said. "We meshed so well that altogether the chemistry was awesome. I hope the relationships I have with my teammates carry into the future, I know I'll be back every year at alumni games."

Speaking of the women, Coach Maloney anticipated playing the season without a senior on the roster, until Shauna Buck approached him and asked to join the team. Buck said she decided to play because she didn't want to regret not playing varsity basketball in college.

"I didn't have any expectations coming into the season and things played out really well," she said.

Buck says that she enjoyed the camaraderie of the

team.

"The team chemistry was awesome," she said. "Because there were only seven of us, we got really close. It was so much fun. Even in practice, when we were supposed to be serious, we were laughing and had inside jokes. If you're not friends it isn't fun."

Buck said she regrets not playing all four years, and hopes incoming women who are interested in playing go for it.

Looking ahead to next year, Freeman says he hopes younger players improve and the team can break the curse of falling short down the stretch. Freeman says this may have to do with a small coaching staff.

"We are kind of understaffed," he said. "Coach Krupinski plays multiple roles in practice and recruiting. It's funny how in Lyndon history we do great, and then at the end of the season we just go straight down."

McCarthy is optimistic the team can move in a positive direction next year, especially if they get some new recruits and see the return of players they lost halfway through this season.

"If they stay disciplined," he said, "they will be a team to reckon with because they have a lot of talent".

The Monroe Doctrine: Welcome back hockey

Sam Monroe
Managing Editor

Our crazy world is made up of a lot of different species.

There is one particular breed that is on the endangered species list in the United States: hockey fans. The population of hockey fans has only shrunk over the past few seasons after the National Hockey League went on strike. The population grew a little bit when Sidney Crosby and Alexander Ovechkin entered the league, but it still was not where it has been in the past.

In Canada, hockey is huge. Four million people tuned in just to see who was selected to play for Team Canada in the Olympics. Not quite that many people tuned into the Winter Classic to see who was named to the United States Olympic team and expectations were not high for this team. Team USA was expected to compete but not to be the number one seed heading into the medal rounds. It wouldn't have been surprising if they didn't

medal; heck it might not have surprised people if they finished number six or seven, and certainly no one expected them to beat Team Canada.

Although they lost the gold medal game to the Canadians they did beat them in the first round of play 5-3, sending the entire country of Canada into a panic.

Then the Americans fought hard and beat the Swiss and then Finland and earned a right to play in the gold medal game.

The 1980 USA Olympic team gave birth to hockey in the US and this 2010 team managed to give it life for little while longer.

They lost the gold medal game but they did win silver. Hang your hat on that, America: your team took the country that invented hockey into overtime.

It is not going to overtake baseball or football any time soon but hockey in America is back, and now it's up to the NHL to keep it there.

Welcome back hockey, we missed you.

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Hockey goes to budgeting:

The blue line becomes the bottom line

Sebastian C. Lury
Sports Editor

Lyndon's hockey club set its financial goals high entering budgeting on Wednesday.

The hockey club requested the largest dollar amount of any club at Wednesday's budgeting meeting. The majority of the requested budget survived the second phase of budgeting at the Student Government Association meeting. The hockey club asked for \$34,825 and so far only \$325 has been cut.

According to Jonathan Davis, the head coach for the team as well as advisor for the club, the \$325 was cut from Line B items. Line B items are items that are desired, but they are not required for the club to continue its peak operation. Meanwhile Line A items are the items that the club requires.

"We understand that cuts

have to be made," said Davis in an e-mail, "and that all clubs and organizations will experience it."

"Cuts will be made; they have to be made," said club president Sam Monroe in an e-mail. "We understand this."

Both Monroe and Davis said that the club already has ideas of ways to make up for the expenses that the budget won't cover with the cuts.

"We will make up the differences through fundraising and player dues," said Monroe.

"As much fundraising as we can," said Davis. "We will be raising player dues to \$250 for the 2010/2011 season to make up other increases as well."

One of the Line A items that the hockey club had to add this year was an allocation of money to hire an athletic trainer to be on site for games.

"We are required to sup-

ply a certified athletic trainer by order of the Northeast College Hockey Association," said Davis. "Since we are not a varsity sport we are not able to use the trainers already on campus."

Davis said that this rule was new for the 2010/2011 season.

Another of the Line A items was for referees. The hockey club must pay for three referees per game. Two of these referees were paid \$203 per game while the third made only \$138 per game during the 2009/2010 season. The team must also pay League Management Services, LLC a one-time sum of \$400 to cover the cost of referee assignment.

Other Line A items included ice time, travel, and league fees.

Editor's Note: Sam Monroe also serves as the Managing Editor for The Critic.

Speeding towards potential students

Gwen Cook
Critic Staff

Gregory J. Ledoux is a visiting Assistant Professor in the Exercise Science Department at Lyndon State College with an exhilarating hobby: in his spare time, he races Snocross for Lyndon State College Racing.

Snowmobile racing is a hobby that Ledoux is particularly passionate about. The downside to hobbies is that they all cost money. Luckily for him, his employer caught on to this unique way to advertise. Lyndon State College is the proud primary sponsor of Ledoux-Team Snocross Racing.

"The Rock Maple Racing events are well attended. The Salem, N.H. race for example had over 10,000 spectators. The events are locally televised on CBS sports of NH and broadcast on AM 530. The average age range of the spectators is 16-22, which is our target demographic," says Ledoux. "The Lyndon State College name is read over the track loudspeakers before each of my 6 races per-weekend."

"We all thought this would be an exciting and beneficial advertising campaign for the

school," says Ledoux. "I also get to talk to many potential students and parents at the events. The Lyndon sled is a great conversation starter."

While Lyndon State is their primary sponsor, they also have the Village Bike Shop from Littleton, N.H. as their secondary source and many other tier three sponsors that enable them to compete and travel to all of the

horsepower and weighs a mere 450 pounds. This is a horsepower to weight ratio of 33:1. NASCAR fans will be interested to know that a Sprint Cup car has less, at 22:1. All of this engineering creates a 0-60 acceleration time of about 3 seconds.

Ledoux-Team Snocross Racing was established in 2004 and is a five-person team that has seen much success. The

team's photographer and another snowmobiling fanatic

"Mike Dente is the only person on this campus more passionate about snowmobiling than I am," says Ledoux. "He offered his services the first time he heard about the campaign, and has been unbelievably helpful with promotion and photography."

The team competes in the

of Champions Pro-Snocross event at Rockingham Park in Salem, NH. They managed a respectable 7th place in both heats and a final placement of 6th.

So far this year they have competed in four races and improved a great deal, even having three team firsts.

On January 23, they qualified for their first final in team history at their race in Belmont, N.H. They had their best race to date at the Orleans County Fairgrounds in Barton, Vt. on February 27, day one of the two-day event. In the first heat, Ledoux got 2nd place, which is the best finish in the team history. In the second heat, they sped to a 3rd place finish and in the final event they landed in 3rd place, which was their first podium finish.

"I love racing because it allows me to express my more aggressive side," says Ledoux. "I have never felt a rush like I do when I race."

The final race of the year takes place once again in Barton, Vt. at the Orleans County Fairgrounds on March 6th and 7th starting at 10 a.m. Anyone is welcome to attend not only to watch the races, but to cheer on one of LSC's own.



Gregory Ledoux soars through the air during a Snocross event.

Photo courtesy Mike Dente

events.

He is the driver and owner of a 2009 Polaris racing snowmobile. The snowmobile is decorated with his racing number, 14x, as well as Lyndon State College's logo with a honeycomb design and Polaris red. His machine has approximately 150

other members of the team don't necessarily race, but they all lend their unique services and add to its success. Jeff Manning is the chief mechanical engineer, Hazen Converse is another mechanical engineer and Andrea Lontine is the team's massage therapist. Mike Dente is the

Rock Maple Racing Trail 600cc division - New York, New Hampshire and Vermont events, including two in Barton.

In all of the events that they have attended, they have been fiercely competitive and placed well. On February 13, they competed in the International Series

The Daley Show

Hockey title for math professor

Dan Daley sat behind the bench of a pee-wee hockey game with a full grown beard. After a 10-win over PBA, he left the locker room clean shaven, or kind of.

Daley promised his team that if they won the title they could shave his beard.

"That was fun," said Daley.

A math professor at Lyndon, Daley's life has always had a hockey rink involved in it. After a two year absence from the game, he was back behind the bench guiding his pee-wee team to a state championship.

Daley has been involved in hockey since before he can remember. He played hockey at a local high school and was a member of the Lyndon State College club team when he was a student at Lyndon.

He has been coaching for 31 years and has coached all ages from seven-year-olds to high schoolers. Daley retired from coaching in 2008 and wanted to get back into the game. With the help of some persuasion from a former assistant coach, Daley was back behind the bench.

This season, Daley was working with a pee-wee team, with players who are eleven and twelve years old. He may have been coaching for thirty plus seasons but he had never won a championship. His team made up of kids from town such as Littleton and

Derby was the one to change that.

"The season started and they were strangers. It was pretty neat to watch them go from strangers to teammates, to friends," said Daley.

When they were getting ready for the state tournament Daley said his coaches and he "saw the light at the end of the tunnel." He wasn't expecting the results he got from his team.

"We were expecting to win two or three games then go home and be satisfied," he said.

Then his team got on a roll after losing to PBA 5-2. They didn't lose again, rattling off six straight wins to win the state title.

"Nobody was more surprised than I was at the result," Daley said, citing his goaltending as being one of the reasons why his team was able to win.

"Those kids were great," he said speaking of his two young goaltenders.

Daley said he preached academics and family first before hockey, trying to teach the kids how to manage academics and hockey at the same time. Daley said they tried to use basic math during the season, telling his players that if they scored three goals on 15 shots, how many would they score if they took 30 shots.

Daley enjoyed his time as coach this season and is not sure if he will be coaching again next year.

The Hornet Report:

End of season bring losses, honors

Men's basketball:

The men's basketball team finished the year in seventh place in the North Atlantic Conference (NAC) standings, dropping their last three games and missed conference playoffs.

Results:

2/12/10 (W) vs. Husson University 81-78
2/13/10 (L) vs. Maine Maritime 55-49
2/19/10 (L) @ Thomas College 91-71
2/20/10 (L) @ U-Maine Farmington 88-64

Final Conference Standings:

U-Maine Farmington 14-11 (12-2)
Castleton State 17-10 (10-4)
Thomas College 18-8 (9-5)

Husson University 16-11 (9-5)
Green Mountain 9-17 (5-9)

Johnson State 9-17 (5-9)
Lyndon State 8-16 (4-10)
Maine Maritime 6-19 (2-12)

Women's basketball:

The women's basketball team finished the season in seventh place in the NAC. Freshman forward Donna Lawson was named to the Second-Team All Conference as well as NAC Rookie of the Year. Of the six NAC Rookie of the Week titles that were honored throughout the year, Lawson was named such four times.

Results:

2/12/10 (L) vs. Husson University 77-66
2/13/10 (L) vs. Maine Maritime 55-52
2/19/10 (L) @ Thomas College 81-67
2/20/10 (L) @ U-Maine Farmington 74-66

Final Conference Standings:

Husson University 19-8 (14-0)
Maine Maritime 16-10 (11-3)
Castleton State 17-11 (9-5)
U-Maine Farmington 12-13 (9-5)
Thomas College 6-18 (5-9)
Johnson State 7-19 (4-10)
Lyndon State 7-16 (2-12)
Green Mountain 7-17 (2-12)

Hockey

The hockey club finished the regular season with two consecutive losses, the final one coming in the opening round of the playoffs.

Results

2/16/10 Loss to Tufts University @ Colonial Conference Quarterfinals at Steriti Rink in Boston 3-2

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Cooking with Cook: Spice up your March meals



Gwen Cook
Critic Staff

March is generally known as town meeting month, budget meeting month, crazy/awful/depressing weather month...

Sorry, I just dozed off for a moment.

All the things listed aren't terribly exciting, at least to me. Since March is the tail end of winter, moods tend to still be on the low side. Sometimes having a dreary mindset can reflect in the meals that you prepare and the things that you eat.

Spicing up an otherwise boring meal is relatively simple. It just takes a bit of imagination. The three meals I chose to liven up this week are sometimes considered comfort foods at least when done correctly. Meatloaf, macaroni and cheese and grilled cheese are foods that can be made fun again by either adding a few extra ingredients or simply taking a different

approach to how they are made.

Chili and cheese meatloaf

1-pound ground beef
1-pound ground pork
2 eggs, slightly beaten
ketchup
mustard
1 package of onion soup mix
½ cup of chili sauce
½ cup cheese crackers, crushed

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, combine all of the ingredients. Place mixture in a large loaf pan and cook for 30-40 minutes or until done.

Grilled Panini

2 thick slices of bread
2 slices of mozzarella cheese
¼ cup crumbled bacon
ranch dressing
¼ cup diced tomatoes

Directions

Preheat your George Foreman grill. Spread ranch all over both slices of bread. Place one slice plain side down on the grill. On top of the ranch place a slice of cheese, then the tomatoes and bacon. Top with other slice of cheese followed by the other slice of bread ranch side down. Grill for a couple minutes or until the cheese melts.

Broccoli, Ham and Cheese Casserole

1 box of elbow macaroni, cooked al dente
3 blocks of cheese, any type
3 cups of steamed broccoli
2 cups of diced ham
1 cup of milk

Directions

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, dice up the cheese. Add the milk and microwave until melted. Combine all of the ingredients in a large bowl and then transfer into a casserole dish. Top with breadcrumbs and parmesan cheese if desired. Cook for 30 minutes or until there is bubbling at the edges.

Lyndon State College Cultural Festival:
Schedule of events- March 8-12
Monday, Mar 8
1-2 p.m.- Ben Luce talk on China energy (LAC 400)
1:30-2:50 p.m.- Screening and discussion of "Objectified" (HAC 125)
Tuesday, Mar 9
12-1:20 p.m.- International food court (student center)
12:40-1 p.m.- Muay Thai (Thai boxing) (stu-

dent center)
Wednesday, Mar. 10
12-2 p.m.- Sugar on snow (ASAC 100)
4-5:30 p.m.- International student panel (ASAC 100)
Thursday, Mar. 11
Peace Corp presentation (ASAC 100)
12-1:20 p.m.- Peace Corp booth (student center)
11 a.m.- 12:20 p.m.- Mahjong game (LAC 412)
Friday, Mar 12
12:15-1:15 p.m.- Mahjong game (T202)

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High school visual arts design competition a success

The high school Visual Arts design competition, sponsored by Barclay Tucker, was a major success. Lyndon State College visual art students were able to help high school students interested in visual arts.

"The competition helps the students in a few ways," Tucker says. "First, it gives them an opportunity to practice and hone their skills."

It also puts them in a situation where they have to work with someone they do not know who may or may not have different opinions and forces them to communicate and work with that individual."

The competition also showed the students what it's like to work in a real world design team and what it's like to be on a fast deadline.

"The posters were

judged on use of design principles, typography, appropriate image for the audience and overall impact." Tucker says. Team two took first place in the competition.

The team consisted of Tabby Swank from Center of Technology Essex and Joey Henry from Stafford Technical Center. Team six took second place.

That team consisted of Page Mayer from Stafford Technical Center and Sean Hamilton from HACTC. Team three took third place. The team consisted of Georgia Cota from Center of Technology Essex and Sandra Masse from Cold Hollow Career Center.

Page Mayer, from the Stafford Technical Center, won a \$500.00 Scholarship to Lyndon State College and also received the leadership award.

Local movies:

March 5-11

Catamount Arts (802) 748-2600	land" 138 minutes Rated R
Cinema One: "The Young Victoria" 105 minutes Rated PG	"Avatar" 180 minutes Rated PG-13 Waterfront Cinemas (802) 334-6830
Cinema Two: "Endgame" 109 minutes Rated PG-13	"Valentine's Day" 117 minutes Rated PG-13
Star Theatre (802) 748-9811	"Dear John" 108 minutes PG-13
"Alice in Wonderland" 109 minutes Rated PG	"Cop Out" 107 minutes Rated R
"Shutter Is-	

CAB sponsored events

March 5-11

Friday, Mar. 5- Open mic night, 9-11 p.m., ASAC 100

Saturday, Mar. 6- Dave Keller Blues Band
8 p.m., Alexander Twilight Theatre

Wednesday, Mar. 10- Vagina Monologues
8 p.m.- Alexander Twilight Theatre

An Evening with
Neko Case
with special guest **Anais Mitchell**

Friday, March 12
8pm, Fuller Hall
3000 Main Street, St. Albans, VT
Anais Mitchell

Lyndon looking to expand its borders

Ben Holbrook
Critic Editor

Lyndon State College is looking to expand its borders as it closes out a deal for a piece of property on McGoff Hill Road.

Currently, the school is still looking to close out a deal with the owners of the property, but Wayne Hamilton, dean of administration, was confident the deal would be done within two weeks.

"There are still a few contingencies within the contract that are being worked out," Hamilton said, in reference to why the property is still in the process of being closed on.

The property includes 10 acres of open, level field, an old dilapidated barn and a white house that can be seen sitting back from the road.

Of particular interest to LSC is the level terrain of the land.

"A lot of the terrain on campus is hilly," said Hamilton, "and with limited access to utilities, it gets expensive to build."

"The McGoff Hill property is probably more level than any other site on campus," says Hamilton.

With 1000 feet of road frontage and access to utility poles, Hamilton felt the property was the best site the school considered for making an offer on. However, because closing negotiations were still under way, Hamilton declined to comment about the amount of money LSC is paying for the property.

Peabody and Smith's real estate has listed on their website, an asking price of \$365,000 for the property.

For students who are concerned about the impact on their tuition for the purchase of the property, they needn't worry.

"Because of enrollment numbers this year, we have sufficient funds in our operating budget to make the purchase without any future debt service," said Hamilton.

In terms of future projects for the property, Hamilton says nothing is in the works in terms of developing the land, but future projects will

be evaluated on what the college feels will benefit the most from its use. However, before any construction begins, LSC must acquire the proper permits and, if necessary, Act 250 could come into play. Act 250, as stated by the vermont.gov website, say, "The Act 250 program provides a public, quasi-judicial process for reviewing and managing the environmental, social and fiscal consequences of major subdivisions and developments in Vermont."

There are 10 criteria to be met under the Act 250 program in order to acquire the necessary building permits, which are listed below:

Will not result in undue water or air pollution

Has sufficient water available for the needs of the subdivision or development

Will not unreasonably burden any existing water supply

Will not cause unreasonable soil erosion or affect the capacity of the land to hold water

Will not cause unreasonably dangerous or congested conditions with respect to highways or other means of transportation

Will not create an unreasonable burden on the educational facilities of the municipality

Will not create an unreasonable burden on the municipality in providing governmental services

Will not have an undue adverse effect on aesthetics, scenic beauty, historic sites or other areas and will not imperil necessary wildlife habitat or endangered species within the immediate area.

Conforms with the Capability and Development Plan which includes the following considerations: (A) The impact the project will have on the growth of the town or region; (B) Primary agricultural soils; (C) Productive for-



Photo by Sam Monroe

The college is currently working on closing out a deal that would make it the owner of piece of property that was part of the original Vail estate.

est soils; (D) Earth resources; (E) Extraction of earth resources; (F) Energy conservation; (G) Private utility services; (H) Costs of scattered developments; (J) Public utility services; (K) Development affecting public investments; and (L) Rural Growth areas.

Is in conformance with any local or regional plan or capital facilities program

Have any suggestions for what Lyndon should do with the property? Log on to www.lyndonstatecritic.com or go to our Facebook fan page

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RA positions offer leadership, free food

Sarah Aube
News Correspondent

If you want to be the voice behind the "Bathroom check!" yell in the residence halls every night, applications are now being accepted to fill the open Resident Assistant positions for the fall.

To be considered as an RA, students must have lived on campus for at least one semester before applying, they must be full-time students and they must have at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA.

"We look for such things as previous leadership experience, a desire to help others

and someone who will be a good contributor to, and will enjoy working as, part of our team," said Residence Hall Director Erin Rossetti.

RAs fill a role that is important to life on-campus. They make sure everyone is safe and follows policy within the residence halls, as well as act as mentors to students, and create programs and events for their residence halls.

"The perks of the position are gaining great leadership skills through training, conferences and experience, becoming part of a team and making some great friends,"

said Rossetti.

Another more apparent financial benefit is receiving a full waiver for room and board, or a waiver for room and the compensation for board in bi-weekly checks.

Meghan Eisenhardt who is working her seventh semester as an RA said, "I think the benefits are good for this job because it has given me a lot of experience, helped me establish who I really am, and will help me with future jobs, whatever they may be."

RAs are constantly on duty and are expected to follow policy and support residents whenever they are

needed, even though they are on active duty only one night a week, and one weekend per month. Eisenhardt said it is less a job than it is a way of living.

"The best part of being an RA is meeting so many people and interacting with everyone you come across," said Eisenhardt. "The worst part about being an RA is the negativity that some people have towards us. We are all really good people and fun to be around."

Last year at this time, 32 people applied for RA positions starting in the fall. There are 20 RAs total, and some of

them will be keeping their positions for next year. The positions that will be open for the fall will be spots that the current RAs will not return to fill.

For more information there will be an RA information night on March 17 at 7 p.m. in the Rita Bole Community Room. If anyone can't make it to the information meeting, but still has questions, they can contact Erin Rossetti at ext. 1740 or Jillian McLaughlin at ext. 6326.

Applications are due by March 19, and can be found at www.lyndonstate.edu/studentlife.

SGA executive board divides over presidential elections

Emilie Lariviere
Critic Staff

The Student Government may be in the midst of deciding next year's budget, but some members of the SGA are looking to have a bigger impact on the student body than just deciding the way their money is spent.

Andrew Chapin, the current SGA president has announced that he will be running for his unprecedented third term as president. Tim Cappalli will also be running for a third term as vice-president.

The ballot is still unofficial, but it appears Chapin and Cappalli will have at least one competitor each this year. John Kleinhans and Rachel Keller have both announced that they will be running for president and vice-president respectively.

The race will not become official until all of the candidates have turned in their petitions, requiring 50 students signatures. The elections are traditionally held during the third week of April, but no date has been set for this

year's election.

"The Chapin-Cappalli ticket is better suited to run this organization than the Kleinhans-Keller ticket," said Chapin. "Tim has worked harder than anyone. In our time in office the SGA has grown three times (in size), welcomed in many new clubs, reestablished a connection with the administration and fixed burnt bridges."

Kleinhans says he is running "for new blood." Kleinhans continued by saying, "We need to keep it strong as strong as it is and make it better."

"A vote for our campaign is a vote for the student body. We need more active students; we need to hear their voices. I think Chapin has done well but it's time for him to step aside and let the new blood in," said Kleinhans.

Keller discussed the reasons why she feels she would be a strong candidate for vice-president of the SGA.

"I have proven myself a leader on the LSC campus and I have enough experience and knowledge of SGA and

how it's run here that I know I can utilize the position as Vice President very well," she said. She is currently a second-year elected representative.

"I don't think there is anything that needs to change in regards of what the current SGA executive board is doing now," Keller said, "What I would like to do is build from the amazing place they have brought to the SGA and expand the ideas."

Tim Cappalli is the current vice-president and is looking for his third term.

Cappalli was unable to

comment at time of publication and referred all questions to Chapin.

"Tim and I have no weaknesses," said Chapin. "We

work really well as a team, and I really do believe that."

Both campaigns are still in the beginning stages.

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SGA budgeting week two: Clubs handle cuts with light touch

Madison Cox
News Editor

The second night of budgeting may have lasted 4.5 hours, but cuts were minimal, resulting in disgruntled attendees during Wednesday's student government association meeting.

"Every club is going to suffer in some way from budgeting," sophomore elected representative Rachel Keller said after several motions to move on resulted in little to no cutting of clubs' budgets.

The SGA constitution requires that club representatives go through phases of budgeting each year until an overall 'magic number' is reached. The magic number is the amount of money allotted for club budgets. The purpose of keeping this number secretive is to keep budgeting fair and unbiased among voters. However, budgeting can continue for multiple late-night sessions if club representatives are reluctant to make cuts to their own clubs and others.

Before the meeting officially began, the SGA executive board was treated to some pink frosted cupcakes left from the Vagina Monologues, courtesy of the Spirit Squad advisor, Donna Keely. The Spirit Squad received devastating cuts to its budget last week, losing 92% of its proposed budget in the early round of cuts.

The first phase of the night was Phase 3, self-cuts. This portion of budgeting requires club representatives to announce what he or she is willing to cut from the club's requested budget for the year. In this phase, \$3941 was cut from all the clubs combined.

During Phase 3, American Women in Radio and Television cut the highest amount from its budget, totaling \$700. The WWLR radio station cut \$500 from its CMJ conference at New York University in October, and Lyndon Ultimate cut \$500 from travel expenses.

When Phase 4 of regular cuts began, Chapin announced that because Students for Campus Conservation (SCC) and A Society of Students in Service Together (Assist) each only had one representative pres-

ent, the clubs would no longer be allowed to participate in budget voting for the remainder of the meetings this year. However, the clubs are still required to have representatives attend all budgeting meetings.



WWLR suffered a \$1000 cut to its budget for its CMJ conference in New York. According to representative Nick Phelan, the conference allows radio participants to meet with musicians and learn how to run a radio station more effectively.

Despite representative Karen Sague's explanation that the Anime club would use SGA money to purchase DVDs that would then be donated to the library, Brian Wilcock of the Outing club made a motion to cut \$200 from its proposed budget. Dave Daley of the Twilight Players then said that the library is looking into a Netflix option, and Anime could take advantage of it in the future.

The Student Investment Group struck a nerve with the club representatives when it asked for \$4000 for investment money.

"Is this legal?" Nick Phelan of WWLR said. "Taking student tuition and putting it into the stock market?"

Chris Wentworth of SIG reassured that crowd that the money is handled by an outside broker, and the club members do not touch it.

"I think it's a great idea; I'm just wary of the stock market. I think other students are as well," Suzanne Proulx of AWRT said. However, her motion to cut \$2000 failed to pass.

During Phase 5, another self-cut phase, under \$1000 was cut altogether.

Phase 6 began to mixed reviews, as many club representatives wished to close the meeting to avoid running late into the evening. However, a vote proved a few more people wished to continue.

The Leadership Recognition Committee lost \$100 for

its annual banquet, and Outside the Box had \$200 cut from its guest speaker budget.

AMS was hit with a flurry of questions regarding its annual storm conference. Many club representatives wanted to know why the Meteorology department did not contribute more to the conference.

Samantha Couture explained that the department's budget is tight, and it cannot afford to help pay for more than one student to attend the conference.

"We're trying everything we can to get off the SGA money for the storm conference," AMS vice president Joe DiTommaso said. Despite concerns from the club representatives, nothing was cut from the AMS budget during this phase.

Senior elected representative Chris Shadrock motioned to cut \$750 from the Twilight Players budget for technical equipment, but the motion failed.

"We aren't even allowed to use the theater until a week before the show," Nadine Grimley of Twilight said.

"Yeah, if anyone wants to take up that issue, it's with Donna Wheeler," Twilight representative Dave Daley said.

The Student Investment Group came under fire for a second time during the meeting when junior elected representative Alison Ciaramitaro motioned to cut \$2000 from its investment capital budget, but Critic representative Nick Russo motioned to cut \$1000 to save time and arguments. His motion passed.

While the meeting continued past 1 a.m. Thursday, the club representatives will continue meeting on Wednesday evenings until the 'magic number' can be reached.



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Members of the student government discuss club budgets.

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Mock accidents don't always hit home with teens

Nicholas Russo
Critic staff

It has been a tough week for residents of my hometown Norwell, Massachusetts, and especially the high school's class of 2009. My friend and fellow graduate Ryan O'Donnell was a passenger in an SUV that crashed into a tree Sunday evening. He suffered serious injuries in the incident and passed away after being transported to a nearby hospital. Police claim the driver of the vehicle, who walked away with only minor injuries, was driving under the influence of alcohol at the time of the crash. He, too, graduated last year from NHS and was a close friend of O'Donnell's.

Unfortunately, this scenario has played out time and time again for high school and college students across the country. This tragedy is particularly frustrating to me because during my senior year, Norwell

High's administration staged a crash that turned out to be a carbon copy of the one that took O'Donnell's life.

The entire school was gathered outside along the campus driveway while actual police and fire units responded to the scene of a mock crash. Several of my fellow classmates volunteered to participate as passengers while firemen performed the actual procedure to remove them by smashing windows and using the Jaws of Life. One student was pronounced dead at the scene and carried away in a body bag while the student's real life father looked on.

Our school's administration spent weeks secretly planning the day and no detail of the simulated crash was left out. The car even had empty beer cans inside of it to illustrate that they had been drinking prior to the accident. The student chosen as the driver was staggering, failed a field sobriety test, and was arrested at the scene in exactly the same fashion as after the crash earlier this week.

Following the mock accident, my fellow students were called inside the school's auditorium for a question and answer session with police about what they had just witnessed. After that, we were sent to our homeroom advisories to discuss in further detail drunk driving. One of the questions our advisor brought up was whether or not the staged crash would actually change student's behavior. Most of my classmates swore that no one could possibly think of driving drunk after witnessing the mock crash. I responded that teenagers tend to have a short memory about these things and I was concerned many would soon forget the lesson they were taught. Less than one year later, my fear has proven to be warranted.

When someone makes the decision to get behind the wheel of a vehicle under the influence of alcohol, or any other drug for that matter, they should be okay with telling themselves "I don't value my life or the lives of others". In reality, people and

teens in particular, adopt the classic human mentality of "it isn't going to happen to me". I believe that is the thought that crossed the mind of the students who watched the mock crash early last spring.

It is saddening that it needs to come to someone dying in order for people to wake up and realize the gravity of drunk driving. There is nothing anyone can do to bring Ryan back, but it isn't too late for everyone else. All I ask of people who read this article is to remember the very real consequences that will and do accompany drunk driving.

In a perfect world, no one would drink in excess and our roads would always be safe. In reality, people do get drunk. The challenge for our society is to make sure people do not drive intoxicated. If you care about your life and the lives of others, please use a designated driver and do everything you can to avoid this preventable tragedy.

Arianna Millington
Web Editor

There are many things in the world that people are never going to be able to avoid. There's a word for this...inevitable. Natural things like rain, storms and lightning all existed before us and will be here after us. There are also inevitable human emotions, such as anger, jealousy and sadness. Everyone will feel these emotions at least once in life. These days it seems as if some kind of medicine exists for every kind of mental disorder and body pain. What if we stopped trying to find cures for everything, and found a way to cope with it? Sure more serious diseases like cancer and conditions like pregnancy and childbirth benefit greatly from medications and treatments, but have you ever wondered if there was a reason, a purpose for it all? I wonder how long people tried to control weather and lightning, before they got innovative and discovered electricity. I also wonder what other great things in life we're missing out on just by permanently deleting them from existence.

This is something I always think about and I will continue to ponder on it later, but for the time being, I'm thinking: "I wonder if I try to control too much in my life?" Life is filled with many decisions and most of the time I bring more options to the table if none are available. It doesn't hurt to try a different way, right? I think if I were less analytical and controlling about almost every little detail in my life, I would endure way less stress, and I would be able to tolerate and be less upset in situations I cannot control. Example: Since about the ninth grade I have lived with one of my Aunts, her husband, and three children. Her oldest child is a girl, who is nine years younger than me. I remember at first she would always sit too close to me, and always want to be where I was, and do what I did. It was sooooo annoying! I selfishly always tried to stay away from her,

even though this seemed to be a predicament I would be stuck in for a while. I didn't realize until about a year later exactly what was going on. I was reading in the living room when she came down stairs with a book,

and quietly started reading, just like I was. It suddenly became apparent to me that this was out of my control. Seeing as she has two younger brothers,

she was desperate for another female companion besides her mom to be around. She was starving for a mentor, an example, an influencer and a big sister, and here the whole time I thought she was out to agitate and annoy me. I decided that since I can't control the fact that she will always be looking up to me, and imitating what I do, then I would from that point on do things that are good for her to do. My acceptance of her following me around made her super happy and re-

lieved a ton of my stress. It even helped me to have better study and behavior habits, knowing that she was always looking and copying what I did. Even this past winter break my whole family told me about her consistent and very organized way of making lists to get everything done, and if you know me, you know I am BIG on lists. I'm very proud to have such a big part in somebody's life. I believe spectacular results happen when we sometimes stop trying to avoid an inevitable situation, and instead think of ways to benefit from it. Application: Try to think of a bunch of situations that seem to be inevitable to you. Maybe it's a grumpy teacher, a loved one that you ALWAYS argue with or even a bad day every once in a while. Make a list of these circumstances and try to think optimistically. How can you, this week, turn your lightning into electricity? Report your progress- If you try this application, and you like what you've done, then please let me know. Positive feedback is more proof that persuades someone else to try, slowly improving our world!

Words of Wisdom:
"It's Electric!"
"Electricity is just
organized lightning."
George Carlin

Letter to the editor: come on now...

Speaking from what I have seen, I am gravely concerned with the course of budgeting this year. I have no doubt been the subject of more than one Critic article, and I appreciate their criticism; it makes me look at myself and the job that I do as an Elected Representative. I am ok with being called out for my actions—especially when it brings the student bodies' attention to SGA. I have tried my best and done what I feel is the spirit of the people that I represent. Right or wrong, that is not for me to decide.

However, this year I have seen what seems to be a lack luster, almost ap-

athetic atmosphere at SGA during budgeting. While I am not saying that there needs to be a full-blown brawl, I am encouraging those who are part of a club to seriously look at their proposed budget and how it stands right now. Please, seriously consider what you can do without, because as of right now, cuts are being made at the speed of molasses during winter time. Furthermore, I would like this budgeting session to be over before seniors walk at graduation.

Chris Shadrock
4th Year Elected Representative

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The Maple Tree

by Tana Stevens

A lone maple tree stood at the head of the pond, branches unfurled in a fiery spread of crimson. Its twin lay mirrored on the glassy water's surface. A girl sat by its side, sketchpad in hand, propped against denim-clad knees, with the black hood of her sweatshirt pulled up to cover her head.

Huck shifted in his seat in the library, overlooking the pond. She was always out there, that girl. Sometimes she drew, sometimes she read, but oftentimes she just sat, back against the tree's rough bark and gazing out across the water. It was a small pond, and barely deeper than six feet at best. But still she sat, for hours it seemed, mesmerized.

Huck peered out at the strange girl that few others seemed to notice. She liked it that way. No one really knew the name of the petite girl who wore too-big clothing, or where she was from, or what she studied. Huck wouldn't even know what she looked like if he hadn't been researching a history paper the day she got caught in a rain shower.

He had watched, mystified as she calmly stood under the then-green leaves of the maple, while dozens of other students dashed for cover along the paths that criss-crossed campus. Slowly, when the grounds had been emptied of all human life save for her, the girl pushed back her hood, letting it settle against her shoulders as she lifted her face towards the rain. Eyes closed, she slowly began to turn, arms lifted as the rain beaded on her face and began to dampen her pale blonde curls.

Huck had felt almost as though he was interrupting something private, spiritual even, and so he had turned away. Five minutes later, when the passing shower ended, he turned back, and she was gone.

After that rainy afternoon Huck made it a habit to look for the mystery girl at every opportunity. He'd take the longer route to classes just to pass by the pond. Sometimes he would duck into the library just to see if he could spot her. He convinced himself that there was nothing wrong with taking a curious interest in a new person.

Sometimes she was there when he looked, head tilted back against the scarred, gray-brown trunk of the tree, her perfect elfen features illuminated by golden sunlight. Other times her nose would be buried between the pages of a yellowing novel. Sometimes she wouldn't be there at all. But on those rainy days, when the lawns and pathways were completely devoid of people, Huck would sit by the library windows and watch her dance.

Huck was once more in the library, researching a psychology paper this time, when he caught a glimpse of the girl lying by the edge of the pond, black hooded head resting on a pile of bright red leaves.

He jumped up impulsively, and was suddenly outside, all notes and books abandoned. She sat up as he approached, but said nothing. Slowly he sank down to the grass and lay next to her, looking up at the crystalline blue sky through the sparsely leafed branches.

She remained sitting, looking at him serenely for a moment before lying back down. Neither spoke.

Several days a week they continued this silent, comfortable sort of kinship, until the days started getting colder, and Huck's mystery girl showed up less and less. When she did, though, she looked sick. It wasn't any sort of common cold. It couldn't be. She walked with a slow, shuffling step. Her curls hung lifeless around her face, and her skin had taken on an ashen color, not unlike the bark of the maple tree. She was like the walking dead, but on the days with rain, only when she danced, did she come alive.

Huck frowned behind the glass, tapping the eraser of his pencil against the open page of a reference book. She was kneeling at the pond's edge, a hand on one of the tree's roots for balance, and peering into the murky water. Her lips moved slowly, words unknown. There was something seriously wrong.

It was another week before Huck saw her again, a week of bitter cold and blustery winds. A third of the students on campus fell ill by the time it was over. And just when nearly all of the trees had shed their leafy cloaks in acceptance of the coming winter, a warm spell passed through the region.

A single leaf still clung to the maple tree, quivering in the slight breeze. Huck, on his way back from a night class, saw the girl seated once more at the water's edge. She was the only person he could see around, and he hurriedly drew near to her. Before he could say a word, she stood, letting her hood fall back, and he finally got a good look at her.

She looked healthier than he could have imagined. A pair of chocolate brown eyes shone at him, sitting above a pair of high cheekbones. Her delicate face, creamy skin sprinkled with light freckles, was framed by a circlet of spun-sugar curls that just brushed her shoulders. She was a head shorter than his six feet and an inch, and her breath warmed the hollow of his throat as she spoke in a light voice.

"Mae," she said softly, eyes meeting his with that same serenity he had always felt with her.

"Huck," he murmured, some semblance of understanding stirring at the corners of his consciousness.

She took his hand in hers, turning it over and running her thumb over his knuckles, in thought. "It was nice to have met you, Huck." She smiled, as if pleased with herself, and then took a step back, dropping his hand.

She slipped her sweatshirt over her head, and before he registered any more movement, she had shed the rest of her outer clothing. She winked at him coyly and leaped gracefully into the pond, making little noise as she broke the water's surface. As she disappeared from view, Huck found himself holding his breath. Confusion rolled around in his brain and it was only when he required another breath that he realized how long she had been under.

Panicked, he dashed in fully clothed, splashing around to no avail. Later, when the quarter-acre pond had been dredged and had turned up no sign of her, Huck sat under the tree, wrapped in a blanket and staring with empty eyes over the water.

The last single, scarlet leaf fluttered to the ground.

The Fall of Night

by Sebastian C. Lury

There was an island. On this island was a single palm tree. The island was small, allowing me to see the ocean clearly on the other side. The ocean surrounding went on as far as my eyes could see, until seemingly it dropped off of the world and into a place I may never know. The island was small. Not small. Small is too big a description. The island was tiny. Yes, it was tiny. The sun was bright overhead and I was reminded of those photos you see on postcards. I half expected to see "'Wish You Were Here'" written in the clouds.

Then the sun went away. It didn't just set, but rather it disappeared. It was there, and then it was gone. Yet I could still see as clearly as I had before. I was now standing on the land. I had not before realized that I was over the ocean, but now it dawned on me that I had been. I do not recall if I hovered above or walked along the top of the ocean, but I remember clearly that once I was atop the sands of the beach I knew at once that I had not before been here.

The island could not be more than thirty feet in diameter. The lonely palm tree, right of center, could not be more than two feet wide. Yet, from behind this tree, she emerged. I should have seen her there before now, but somehow she had hidden from me. She was petite, but still, the tree did not offer enough room for her to hide, but she had.

She moved with effortless grace, which I would not believe had I not seen it myself. She came toward me. I could not move anything but my eyes. She glided past me. I could feel the sand between my toes, thus revealing that I was barefoot. She circled me twice, eyeballing me, I following her with my eyes. I could feel inside me that I wanted her. It was more than an animalistic instinct, it was more than lust. I had to have her. I wanted her to be mine. I understood the non-humanistic quality of this possessive nature, but it was honestly how I felt.

She came around me, now facing me. She was close, so close that I could hear her heartbeat. Or maybe I heard my heartbeat. The closer she got, the harder I found it to control myself. She was everything to me in that moment. I wanted to say something, to tell her. I don't know what I would have said, but I knew that I wanted to say it.

The Dust Motes

by J. L. Rossi

They had been old for months now,
pirouetting around old habits
that were never enjoyed,
a thing to be absorbed and digested
to move properly.
They both wished to be dust motes
in order to move more gracefully
and settle on uncomfortable spaces
and as dust motes, flesh would be as
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There is no hell or sex for motes
in fact, there is nothing
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Lyndon students travel to Guatemala for service-learning trip

Stephanie Tyler
Special to the Critic

This February Break 11 Lyndon students decided to do something different with their time off. Instead of going on vacation or heading home, these students traveled to Guatemala to volunteer their time at a school and to learn about the history, politics, and social issues that the people of Guatemala face.

The students learned about the labor-intensive process of coffee production from coffee plant to package, the struggles of running a coffee plantation under pressures of globalization, and the land struggle that faced Guatemala for many years.

The students went to Xela on Sunday and prepared for the start of their service to Miguel Angel Asturias Academy the next day. The Asturias Academy is a private school that is very unique and serves a very important role to the children of Xela. The school was founded in 1994 by Jorge Chojolan, a Guatemalan who saw a need for improved educational system in Guatemala that would serve to help create social change in the country. In a country where less than 1 out of every 10 children will ever enter the eighth grade, it is not uncommon to meet many individuals who never learned to read or write or to see children selling goods on the streets instead of attending school. The Asturias Academy now serves over 300 students from underprivileged backgrounds by providing subsidized tuition for many of its students.

Students at the Asturias Academy learn starting in Kindergarten about social is-

suues which they face on a daily basis throughout their classes and school activities. Once the students are aware of the issues they face, they can then work towards changing those social issues to improve their society as a whole. One story of the success of this practice is when a male elementary student asked his father why the father did not help his wife with the household chores. The student, who worked side by side with female peers to complete tasks, did not understand why his father would not be helping his wife. This incident may not seem like a big deal in the United States, but in a culture where traditional male and female roles are still common, such a comment was considered absurd to the father. However, after some processing, the father realized that there was no good reason why he did not help with those chores and began to help his wife on a daily basis. The recently graduated class from the Asturias Academy included 11 students, 10 of which are now attending college. This is a very large achievement for these students as a very small number of students will even make it into high school.

During the week, Lyndon students spent their time at the Asturias Academy learning about the school, talking about social issues that the Guatemala students are facing. Lyndon students also played with the students at recess, read to groups of students, taught in classes, and painted a part of their courtyard gym area and a large room that is used for assemblies and presentations. At the end of the week, the students

cooked a dinner for members of the administration, teachers, volunteers, and the leaders of the Student Government of the Asturias Academy. During this dinner, Lyndon students presented Jorge Chojolan a \$900 donation that the students had raised for the school. This donation will be used to help furnish rooms on the recently completed third floor addition to the school where students will learn practical trades that will help them obtain jobs after high school graduation, which will allow them to support themselves through college.

Thank you to those who have supported the trip through the various fund-raisers that were put on by the students throughout the academic year, including the Student Government Association who donated \$5000 towards the trip. Without your support, this trip would not have been possible.

Jorge Chojolan, founder of the Miguel Angel Asturias Academy, was at Lyndon in November 2009 to education to the community about his school and to gain support for his mission of educating the children of Guatemala. You can read more about the Miguel Angel Asturias Academy at www.asturiasacademy.org. For more information regarding the trip, please contact Stephanie Tyler (stephanie.tyler@lyndonstate.edu).

Editors Note: To read more about the trip, LSC students future plans and see more photos log onto lyndonstate-critic.com



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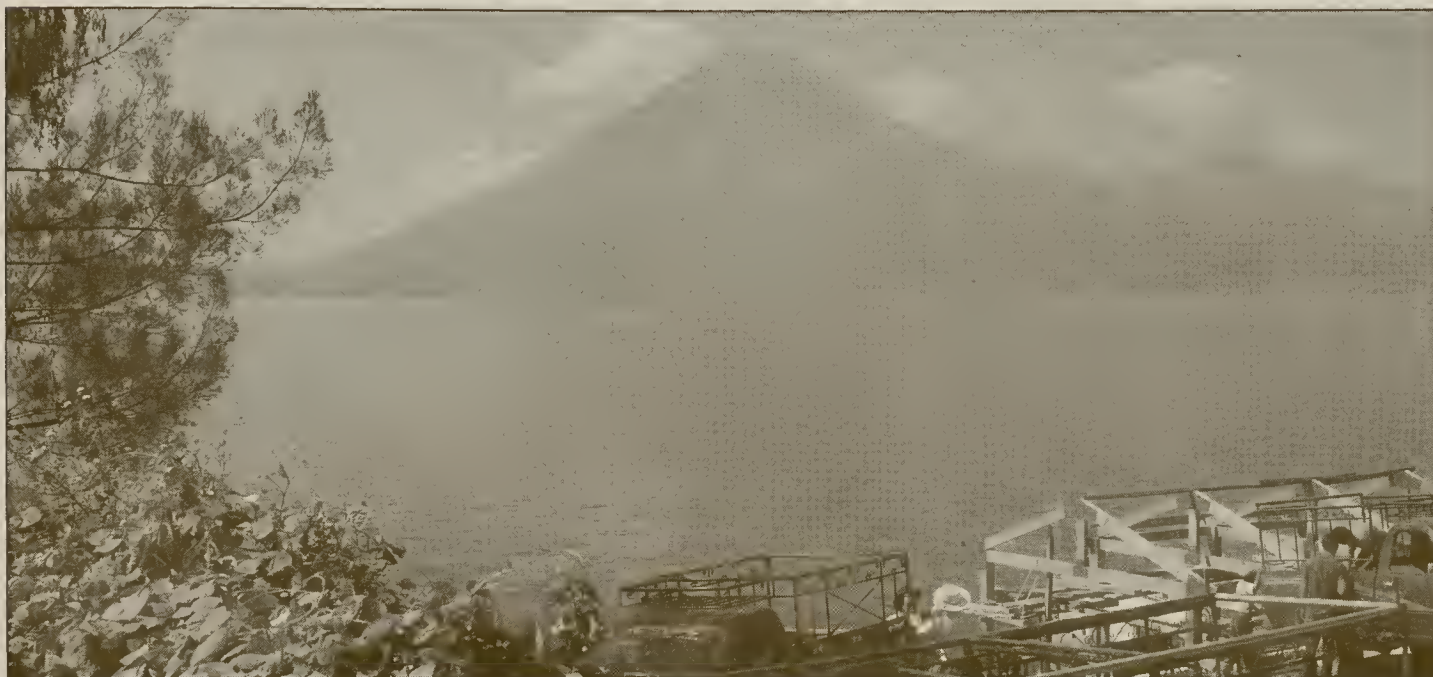
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Dan Haycook chats with a student from the school
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LSC students volunteer in Guatemala



Lake Atitlan and the San Pedro Volcano



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Children play at their school in Guatemala



Students climb the Sahia Tree, also called the "Tree of Life"

Baseball gets turned "indoors out"



Above: the baseball team huddles before leaving the gym for their first outdoor practice on Thursday afternoon. Below: the team begins to loosen up outdoors.

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The baseball team stretches inside before outdoor practice on Thursday afternoon.

Emilie Larvivere
Critic Staff

Springtime is a time for flowers to emerge from the ground, birds to return from the south, and baseball teams to move from the basketball court to the diamond.

Since February, the baseball team has been holding practices in Stannard Gymnasium but recently they got to move outside and play a few early season games.

The team spent last weekend in New York and New Jersey, playing a total of five games in a span of only three days.

"We played well for it

being our first days outside of the gym and on a field," said Michael Johnson, a sophomore outfielder. "A lot of positives came out of the weekend and we need to build on them rather than looking at the wins and losses. I also think we have a lot of depth this year."

Ryan Farley, the sixth-year head coach of the team said that one thing the team has shown so far is "great team commitment. What impressed me the most was the play of the freshman, their maturity level and work ethic and the upper classman's leadership," he said. "I was very happy with the results of

the entire weekend."

"This past weekend was a tribute to what we did in the last four weeks in the gym," said Farley. "And then this weekend was like the test they had been studying so long and so hard for."

The team lost four of the five games and was outscored 33-11 in the four losses. Despite these numbers, Mark Hilton, the team's assistant coach, focused on the experience, rather than the outcome.

"It was our first 3 days outside. We played teams that had been on southern trips and I was very happy," he said. "It's a good team."

The Monroe Doctrine:

Hit me with your best shot

Sam Monroe
Managing Editor

Sports are dangerous; we all know this.

Baseball has 100 mile per hour pitches whizzing by players' heads. Football has 380-pound men slamming into each other while little 190-pound quarter backs get run over by those same guys. Hockey has high speed collisions, fist fights and a hard rubber disk travelling through the air. Oh yeah, hockey also has guys with knives on their feet. Basketball has guys pulling guns on each other in the locker room; basketball also has contact and is rough on the knees and ankles.

All of these sports have rules associated with attempting to keep players safe. In most contact sports, hits to the head are off limits, as are some blind side hits. I am sure by now you have seen the hit that Matt Cooke of the Pittsburgh Penguins delivered on Marc Savard of the Boston Bruins last weekend.

Savard came across the middle of the ice and fired a shot high. As he was finishing his follow through, Cooke

came from Savard's blindside and slammed his upper arm into the side of Savard's head, causing Savard to collapse on the ice being knocked out for a short time.

The hit would have been clean if it was not to Savard's head and was not on the blindside. But it was a dirty hit, very similar to a hit earlier in the season.

Mike Richards hit David Boothe in the same fashion knocking out Boothe as well. Boothe suffered a grade two concussion and was sidelined for 3 months. Mike Richards was not suspended for the cheap shot.

Marc Savard, the Bruins leading scorer, also suffered a grade two concussion and it appears that he will be out for the remainder of the season. Cooke will not be suspended by the NHL. Really? No suspension? These two guys turned and deliberately slammed into the head of a defenseless player, yet no suspension?

The NHL general managers are now meeting to discuss the rules, and they are looking at eliminating these blindside hits. This is a good move but it is coming too

late. If another blindside head shot happens this season there is no way the NHL can suspend that player. Hockey is a collision sport, injuries will occur, but let's get the most obvious dangers out of the fastest game on ice. Mike Richards and Matt Cooke are two guys that should be removed.

If Josh Beckett gets suspended for letting a pitch glide over the top of Bobby Abreu's head (about 6 feet above it) why shouldn't these guys be suspended. Linebackers get flagged and suspended for hitting the quarterback in the head, and NBA players aren't allowed to punch each other in the back of the head. Head contact doesn't belong in sports, its dangerous and can result in serious injuries.

Don't take away the fun stuff in sports. Let pitchers hit guys with pitches (stay away from the head), let linemen crush little quarterbacks, let the NHL tough guys drop their gloves at center ice, and let NBA players bring firearms into the locker room.

The Hornet Report

Spring sports are in the air

Lyndon State College's baseball team kicked off the spring sports season with five games in three days last weekend. The team lost four of the five games. For more on the baseball team, see above.

Results:

March 5 (L) @ Fairleigh Dickinson University-Florham, 12-2
March 6 (W) @ City College of New York, 8-5 (Game 1)
March 6 (L) @ City College of New York, 6-4 (Game 2)
March 7 (L) @ Briarcliffe College, 6-1 (Game 1)
March 7 (L) @ Briarcliffe College, 9-4 (Game 2)

Standings

Husson Univeristy	4-2
Castleton State	1-4
Lyndon State	1-4

U-Maine Farmington	0-0
Thomas College	0-0

Lyndon's men's tennis team will be the next of the four spring sport teams to begin play. The team will open on the road at conference rival Castleton State College. The team enters the year having coming one game from the chance to play for the title. For more on men's tennis, see Page 9.

Upcoming Events

March 20 @ Castleton State 1 p.m.

Lyndon's softball team and lacrosse team will each begin their seasons next weekend.



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Tennis team sets goal: win NAC title

The men's tennis team is looking to take the next step: another step forward.

That's the goal of the Lyndon State College men's tennis program as it heads into the 2010 season under the direction of second-year coach Geoff Davison. A year ago, the Hornets recorded an overall record of 6-6, and a North Atlantic Conference mark of 5-3, en route to a No. 2 seed in the 2009 NAC Championships. Only an 8-1 semifinal loss to third-seeded Thomas College separated Lyndon from a shot at the conference title. An opportunity Davison and his troops hope to capitalize on in the campaign ahead.

"Last year in the tournament, we lost in the semifinals so there's a chance to go one match better," said Davison, who earned NAC Coach of the Year honors in 2009. "Our goal is to get to the championship. I don't like to set too many long-term goals, but it's out there for the team to shoot for."

Returning to the team this season are seniors Paul Thibault and Jeremiah Powell.

The two performed steadily in 2009 and will be asked to do so again in the season ahead. Junior Jimmy Gaskell will compete for a second season with the Hornets and rounds out the team's list of veteran

ence to the already-talented Lyndon program. Junior Luke Haskell, a starter on the Lyndon men's soccer program in the fall, has also joined the team for 2010.

"Our upperclassmen

mees' this year. I expect them to bring experience to the team, but there are going to be some tough decisions ahead."

The Hornets' title hopes have been bolstered by the addition of two freshmen who

we've had in the past," said Davison. "They give us added depth and will be a tremendous strength within the program. Normally, we wouldn't expect freshman to make this kind of contribution, but

when you have two freshmen who could be your number one and two players, that's a good thing to have."

Thus far in the pre-season, the Hornets have put in a workman-like effort in preparation for their opener on Sunday, March 14 against arch-rival Castleton. With increased depth and experience, Davison is confident his team is prepared for its match with the Spartans and beyond.

"It's exciting, especially for the older guys," he said. "They are seeing how talented the younger guys are and they are responding by digging in and competing in practice. My hope is that they make life tough for me as to who plays and whether it is in singles or doubles."

Sunday's match with Castleton gets under way at 2 p.m. in Rutland, Vt.



Front row (left to right): Paul Thibault, Jimmy Gaskell, Jeremiah Powell, Chris Shadrock and Matt Lentos. Back row: Luke Haskell, Teddy Fournier, Head Coach Geoff Davison, Mike Howard and Tyler Schofield.

Photo courtesy athletic department

come from successful backgrounds at the prep level. Teddy Fournier and Mike Howard are two of the team's more heralded players and will play a significant role in Lyndon's pursuit of the NAC title.

"They bring more tennis experience to the team than

returnees.

Senior Matt Lentos and Junior Chris Shadrock, two mainstays from the 2008 season, are back in the lineup after a one-year hiatus. They bring more depth and experi-

know it's going to be competitive for playing time," said Davison. "We have nine guys, including some strong freshman, so the veterans have their work cut out for them. There are going to be no gim-

No more harsh feelings towards Garciaparra

Sebastion C. Lury
Sports Editor

If you were not yet aware, many people had reported strange sightings and experiences recently.

Let me reassure everyone by saying that everything is right with the world. It is only the beginning of spring. How can I be so sure and confident that it's not a solar flare that threatens to destroy the world? Because everything is back to the way it should. Nomar Garciaparra is a member of the Boston Red Sox

again.

On Wednesday, Nomar signed a contract to return to the Red Sox, the same team he began his professional career with in 1996. According to multiple reports, the contract was a one-day, minor league deal. The purpose for signing Nomar for only one day was so that he could retire as a member of the Red Sox.

This was a terrific show of character by the front office of the Red Sox.

It was too long ago that we saw Nomar get dealt near

the end of the 2004 non-waiver trade deadline. The team was in Minnesota when they sent him to Chicago as part of a four-team trade that rocked the baseball world. It rocked the world because Nomar had rare talent and was a mainstay in the Boston lineup.

Remember when Nomar played short for the Red Sox, Derek Jeter played shortstop for the New York Yankees, and Alex Rodriguez played shortstop for the Seattle Mariners? No? You probably remember Nomar's time with

the Cubs, right? Dodgers? How about the Athletics?

Now, A-Rod is still unearthing himself from last spring's steroid allegations (his ring last fall helps) and Jeter remains the face of the Yankees. But thanks to Theo Epstein and company, Nomar was allowed to return to and retire as a member of the team he never should have left. But if he hadn't have left, the Sox may not have won their two World Series championships. So this is the way it had to be.

Nomar will go to work at

ESPN and Sox fans can be comforted in knowing that #5 was not exiled from Fenway. I know one Red Sox fan who may not be a Red Sox fan had it not been for Nomar Garciaparra. I can't be alone in this sentiment. Even my 12-year-old brother still wears his jersey.

Nomar probably isn't going to the Hall of Fame, but he is a vital piece in Red Sox history. And seeing him retire wearing a blue cap with the hanging red stockings, well, that was Hall of Fame enough for me.

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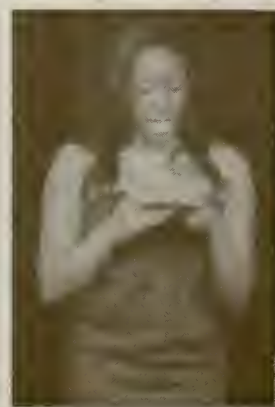
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Vagina Monologues returns to Lyndon stage

Lyndon State students, faculty, and staff raise awareness of women's violence, and \$500 to donate to local women's organization



From Left: Members of the Vagina Monologues cast gather for a bow; Mistress of Ceremony Ellen Sheehey presents a reading to Wednesday night's audience



Photos by Leani Lopez

Aimee Lawton
Entertainment Editor

This week, many students have been seen sporting "I heart vaginas" pins all over campus to show their support for a powerful cause.

On Wednesday night, female members of the Lyndon State student body, faculty and staff performed the award winning "Vagina Monologues" in the Alexander Twilight Theatre to raise awareness of the V-day movement.

V-day is a global movement to stop violence against women and girls, as stated on its website. In order to pro-

mote V-day campaigns, volunteers and college students raise money and awareness through productions of "The Vagina Monologues," a play by Eve Ensler. Lyndon is an annual participant in the event.

"The Vagina Monologues is an international movement to end violence and rape among girls and women," said director Courtney Corvelo. "This is the fifth year that Lyndon has been putting it on." Corvelo has been directing the play for two years and in doing so has done a lot of work to raise awareness of such a serious cause.

This year's cast consisted of 23 ladies who came together to represent the voice of women all over the world and speak out against women's violence. Debra Bailin, Director of Student Academic Development has been acting in the show for four of the five years that it has been performed at Lyndon and loves being a member of the cast.

"I love doing it because of the rapport among students, staff, and faculty," Bailin said. "It also benefits a really good cause."

This year's cast of "The Vagina Monologues" participated in several fundraising

events in the beginning of the week to raise funds and awareness of the play and the cause in which it benefits around campus. Corvelo said that in addition Monday's bake sale that raised \$163, they also sold "I heart vaginas" pins in the ATT lobby, and held a second bake sale outside the show on Wednesday night.

Lyndon's sponsors for this year's presentation were the Student Government Association and the Lyndon State Women's Group. The beneficiary of the presentation was Umbrella; a private, non-profit organization founded in 1976 that serves Caledonia

and southern Essex counties of the Vermont Northeast Kingdom

Umbrella's mission, as stated on their website, is "fostering communities of strong women, supported communities, and safe homes." In pursuit of their mission, Umbrella offers supportive programming in two areas: the Domestic and Sexual Violence Program and Kingdom Child Care Connection; both offering direct services to individuals and work with the community on long-term solutions. Lyndon raised a total of \$500 that will be donated to this organization.



From top left: Deb Bailin and Lisa Colangelo perform a reading during Wednesday night's performance, Ellen Sheehey and Shannon Casey sit on stage with others from the cast, bottom left: Caitlin Kolson performs a reading from "My Angry Vagina."

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Restaurant Review: East Garden in St. Johnsbury leaves customers wanting more

Aimee Lawton
Entertainment Editor

East Garden in St. Johnsbury is arguably one of the best Chinese restaurants that I have ever eaten at.

Initially I was iffy about the restaurant because of its size and location on the side of a Mobil station far from what anyone would consider to be classy. The space in the parking lot is also very limited, forcing many customers to have to park on the other side of the gas station. Despite my initial impression, I decided to give it a chance and have dinner there with six of my friends. This turned out to be a great choice.

My friends and I went in and had to push two tables together, taking up nearly the whole dining room. Our orders were taken by a very friendly little girl who appeared to be working to help out her family. The fact that

we were a large group did not seem to intimidate her in the least as she was very receptive to all of our needs and was able to correctly record our orders. I was very impressed by the fact that she also took the time to socialize with us and even more impressed by the overall service that she provided. I give our service that night a 9 out of 10.

The wait for our food was very short and before I even tasted it I was impressed by the size of the portions. The prices on the menu are reasonable and customers are certainly given their money's worth. I proceeded to taste the food and was even more impressed. The chicken fingers and beef teriyaki were very tender, and the pork fried rice was full of flavor; definitely the best that I had ever tasted. The food was also served hot and fresh. My friends seemed equally as im-

pressed because there were very few traces of food left over on any of our plates. I give the food a 9 out of 10 as well.

In terms of cleanliness, the floors and tables were kept clean despite the constant flow of traffic. Everything was also very neat and organized which is something that can be hard to maintain in a small place. I give cleanliness an 8 out of 10.

Despite the location and small dining space I give my East Garden dining experience an overall score of a 9 out of 10. Friendly staff, large portions and reasonable prices make East Garden a great place to enjoy a tasty and filling Chinese meal. I would strongly recommend it to anyone who hasn't been there; I doubt you would leave disappointed.

East Garden is located just off of exit 20 on I-91 in downtown St. Johnsbury

Cooking with Cook Recipes to remedy your holiday hangover



Gwen Cook
Critic Staff

One of the things I learned during my time at Lyndon State College is how to avoid the dreaded hangover. Eating something that isn't necessarily healthy the night before is the best way I've seen to combat overindulgence. With Saint Patrick's Day right around the corner as well as the knowledge that the Irish have taught us how to truly celebrate this day, I thought I would share some of the better meals that I have had. Good luck and I hope they help.

Chicken tater tot pie

¼ package of frozen tater tots
1 package of mixed frozen veggies
1 can of condensed cream of chicken soup with herbs
2 tbsp butter
1-1½ pounds of cooked chicken, chopped up
Salt and pepper to taste

Directions

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Melt the butter in a large skillet. Add the veggies, chicken, chicken soup, salt and pepper and cook for 5 minutes or until hot. In a baking dish,

add the mixture and spread it out evenly. Add a single layer of tater tots to the top of the dish. Cook for 40-45 minutes or until the tater tots are brown and it bubbles.

Chicken bacon pizza

1 package of bacon, cooked and crumbled
2 cups of cooked and chopped chicken
Pizza sauce
Shredded cheese
1 pizza dough
Parmesan cheese
Olive oil

Directions

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. On a pizza sheet, work the pizza dough until it fits the pan (be sure there is a light dusting of flour on the bottom so it won't stick). Spread out a desired amount of pizza sauce, leaving two finger widths for the crust. Sprinkle some parmesan cheese on the sauce and then cover with a layer of shredded cheese. Toss on the bacon and chicken and then sprinkle another light layer of shredded cheese on top. Brush on some olive oil on the crust. Pop in the oven and cook for about 20 minutes or until the crust is golden brown and the cheese is melted.

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3 cups of potatoes, boiled and mashed
1 pound of hamburger
1 packet of gravy
1 cup of water
Mixed veggies, cooked

Directions

Cook the hamburger until it is browned. Drain the grease. Add the gravy mix and water and cook until it is thickened. Serve on top of the potatoes and with a side of mixed veggies.

Log onto Lyndonstatecritic.com for pictures of the AMS Storm Conference held this past weekend, vote on our new poll, and leave us a comment.

If you have recently attended an event and would like to submit a review, or if you know of any local events going on, e-mail Aimee Lawton at: aimee.lawton@lyndonstate.edu

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Relationship 101:

How to entertain your lover this St. Patrick's Day

Miss. Ball and Chain and
Miss. Newly Taken
Critic Columnists

The Holiday celebrating the Irish and excessive beer drinking is coming up this Wednesday. In order to make this year's St. Patrick's Day one you'll never forget, take some time to spend some time with the one you love. Regardless of whether or not you can drink try to find some activities that the two of you can enjoy together. Here's some suggestions:

You've all heard of the myth of the green M&M's, right? Well if not, do we have a surprise for you. For those of you who may not be in the loop, it has been said that green M&M's act as a natural aphrodisiac. So this St. Patty's Day; rather than

spending your time at the bars getting drunk, share a package of green M&M's with your sweetie and see where things take you. Who knows, maybe you'll find that pot of gold at the end of your rainbow!

If this is not your style, bake your four-leaf clover a special St. Patty's Day treat. Try making cupcakes, or their favorite kind of cookies, with a touch of green food coloring to make them festive. If you're really feeling creative, throw in a can of green whipped cream; you never know what kind of fun you could have with that.

If you are lucky enough to be of age to drink and choose to do so, then take your special someone out to the bars for a night of Irish drinking fun so long as you

are responsible about it. After all, a couple who drinks together...well, gets drunk together. If done correctly, this could lead to a romantic evening. Enjoy yourself, but don't do anything we wouldn't do!

If none of these ideas fit your style, or you just aren't a fan of the "greenest day of the year" than you could just do something lame like take your lover out to dinner or a movie, typical to what you always do. If your happy, we're happy.

No matter how you choose to spend your St. Patrick's Day this year, we hope you find all of the luck that the Irish have to offer. Have fun, and most importantly be safe. Until next week...

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How to become a successful Disney illustrator in 5 easy steps

Madison Cox
News Editor

Ever since I was a little kid, I have dreamt of working for Disney. The movies that the company created have been my favorites for two decades. But as I grew up, I realized something that would hinder my success: I can't draw. It was a sad fact, but it was true, and nothing could be done about it. So I focused on other things and shelved the idea, letting years pass by. Then, on Friday, March 5, Jeff Harter came to LSC to speak.

Harter has worked as an illustrator and animator for Disney, as well as American Greetings. His work has included the animated films Hercules, Mulan and Tarzan. He has also drawn the "Winnie the Pooh" characters and Mickey Mouse for consumer products, which means if you've seen any of these characters on a T-shirt, there's a chance Harter is responsible.

"I couldn't escape that tractor beam," Harter said, "I've wanted to do that since I was a kid."

Currently, Harter is working on "Packages From Planet X", an idea that he came up with about ordering surprise objects from a

comic book with interesting results. Harter said he was excited, but couldn't tell us much about the project because it was in the process of being chosen by studios.

Harter sparked my interest in Disney once again. During the presentation, I felt like I was eight instead of 20, sitting on the edge of my seat and grinning as pictures of Tarzan characters flew across the Powerpoint he was showing. Yep, I was hooked all over again.

Harter's presentation provided some useful tips for getting started in the animation and illustration world:

Start young – Harter won his first art award at age 10, when he drew a poster about traffic safety. He also drew a lot of objects related to Star Wars, his favorite movie series.

Be dedicated – Being an illustration student means drawing the same objects multiple times. Harter attended the California Institute of the Arts and Syracuse University (where he met good friend Barclay Tucker, professor in the Visual Arts department at LSC), and drew places dozens of times. He also drew cadavers.

Be diverse in what you can do – According to Harter, "I

wear many different hats." This has enabled him to draw, animate, and write. He came up with the idea of "Packages From Planet X", and writes some of the greeting cards that he illustrates for American Greetings.

Work well with others – Harter says that in order to succeed in the industry, teamwork is everything. There are multiple people involved in every step of illustration, so being flexible and polite are key.

Observe life – Knowing how people and animals move will help in all aspects of drawing. Looking at animated films and films showing real human beings and animals will teach you all about anatomy, making drawings seem more life-like.

Harter's presentation sparked my imagination all over again, and just like that, I'm ready to start drawing. At 20, it's unlikely that I'll ever draw for Disney. So for all you would-be Disney geniuses at LSC: get started. Who knows? You could be the next Jeff Harter.



Photo by Caleb Dudley
Jeff Harter's drawings of Winnie the Pooh characters.

Bucknam announces run for Senate

Retired banker and community leader Charlie Bucknam of Walden announced today that he will campaign to be elected as one of the two senators from the Caledonia-Orange district to serve in the 2011-2012 Vermont Legislature.

Citing his concern that Vermont is spending too much and imposing crippling taxes, Bucknam pledged to conduct a strenuous, issues-based campaign between now and the election November 2.

"The issues have made themselves very clear," Bucknam said. "Vermont families succeed every day to do what the Vermont legislature has failed to accomplish: spend within its means. A legislator must remember that every dollar spent on programs must first be taken from a taxpayer. If I am elected, I will think of that fact every single time I vote in Montpelier."

"As a community banker for over three decades, I have worked with thousands of hard-working Vermonters who invest their money and pour their time and energy into all kinds of enterprises from family farms, to retail and wholesale outlets to small manufacturing and technology companies. I have listened to these Vermonters worry that Vermont's maze of regulations, high taxation, costly health care, and uncertain energy future jeop-

ardize what they have worked so hard to build. I have worked with families seeking their first home, saving for their children's education, and just trying to make ends meet. I have seen how these families' prospects are reduced by the economic climate in Vermont where excessive government red tape and high taxes limit job creation.

I know Vermonters need a break from Montpelier's 'we know what's best for you' attitude. We can take care of our neediest, our children and our environment in a more effective and efficient way than we do now."

Bucknam and his wife, Debbie, a local attorney, have been married nearly 44 years, and they have two married daughters and ten grandchildren.

Bucknam will be running as a Republican in the Caledonia senate district that includes all the towns in Caledonia County as well as six towns in Orange County.

Bucknam concluded: "I have never been a politician, but I have learned from and been inspired by the incredible dedication, goodness, self reliance and common sense of Vermonters. As Senator, I hope to bring those values to Montpelier."

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Suzanne Proulx and Nadine Grimley defend AWRT's budget during Wednesday night's SGA budgeting meeting. A motion to cut \$1,500 from AWRT's annual media forums was defeated shortly before the planned power outage darkened Lyndon's campus. Budgeting will continue every week until the "magic number" is reached.

Lights out for conference budgets

Madison Cox
News Editor

After last week's stingy budgeting techniques, President Andrew Chapin advised the members of the Student Government Association to be more flexible during Wednesday night's budget meeting.

"Everybody can afford to make a cut," he said. "If we don't, we're going to end up with a nasty double-digit freeze."

According to Stephanie Tyler, adviser to the SGA, a freeze would mean a specific percentage would be cut from every item in every club's budget, and would remain unavailable until either January or February of next year.

Clubs appeared to adhere to the warning, as \$8,200 was cut during Phase 7 which was self-cuts. This phase allows clubs to personally cut their own budgets before others can make motions to do so.

Phase 8 proved to be as productive as the previous round, when nearly \$8000 was cut.

WWLR was the first to suffer cuts, losing \$1,150 for its CMJ conference after a motion from the Twilight Players rep-

resentative Dave Daly.

\$1,000 was cut from the hockey club's travel budget. Joe DiTommaso of the American Meteorological Society suggested fundraising on campus and charging entrance fees during hockey games to supplement the costs of transportation.

"I'm trying to make the student activity fee be used as efficiently as possible"

-Brian Wilcock

The Twilight Players came under scrutiny from the SGA regarding its request for \$1,000 for a musical director. Brian Wilcock of the Outing Club motioned to cut \$500.

"There's not much we can do with \$500 for a musical director," Dave Daly said. "It's not an all-or-nothing thing, but \$500 will get us a student musical director." The motion failed, but \$250 was cut from the club's technical equipment. American Women in Radio and Television received a cut of \$1,000 from its Gracies budget. The Gracies is an award ceremony for people in the field.

Brian Wilcock motioned to cut \$1,500 from the AWRT's annual media forum that the

LSC chapter needs to send two members to in order to stay a national group.

Members Nadine Grimley and Suzanne Proulx defended the idea of sending more than necessary in order to help the school's image.

According to Grimley and Proulx, the LSC chapter

efficiently as possible," Brian Wilcock said.

The motion failed just as the lights in the room went out as part of the scheduled power outage at 10 p.m.

AMS suffered a \$2,000 cut to its Northeastern Storm Conference.

Tim Studebaker of Sigma Zeta came to the club's defense, explaining his attendance at the conference before college influenced his decision to attend LSC. Despite his comments, the cut was made.

The Lyndon Emergency Responders (LER) had \$500 cut from the equipment budget, and Outside the Box lost \$300 for a scholarship it gives to a high school student who decided to attend LSC for graphic design. Rugby had \$500 cut from transportation, and another \$100 from field supplies.

As the 'magic number' required to end budgeting looms closer, SGA representatives will need to evaluate what is most important in each club, and what can be sacrificed. The late-night meetings will continue until agreements can be made, and budgets can be altered.

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Get ready to take off with LSC's new study abroad program

Sarah Aube
News Correspondent

Lyndon State's study abroad program is taking off; next year at least five students will be studying in far-off destinations.

"I got to LSC and nobody studied abroad," said Paul Searls, Social Sciences professor and LSC Study Abroad Coordinator. "It just vexed me. I couldn't understand it."

Searls walked around complaining about the program for the four of the five years he has been here, until he became Study Abroad Coordinator this past October.

LSC was not affiliated with any study abroad agencies, so when Searls took over,

he looked into changing this. The college is now affiliated with AIFS (American Institute for Foreign Study).

With AIFS, students can go to schools in Australia, Austria, China, Czech Republic, England, France, India, Ireland, Italy, New Zealand/Fiji, Russia, South Africa, or Spain.

However, Searls said, "Students can go anywhere they want, and I will help them find the right program for them."

Emma Shattuck, a sophomore majoring in social sciences and global change, plans on going to school in Sydney, Australia next semester.

Shattuck picked Australia

because of the warm temperatures, proximity to the ocean, and because it is an English-speaking area. However, she hopes come back with more than just a nice tan.

"I hope to gain greater independence, learn about a new culture, meet new people, and perhaps most importantly, I want to gain a more globalized worldview," said Shattuck.

Matt Dinneen, a senior with a major in mountain recreation management and a minor in business administration, took a semester to study at Richmond, the American International University in London.

"The funnest part was travelling and seeing new

things and cities, and experiencing new cultures," said Dinneen. "The great thing about London is that it was really easy and cheap to travel around to other countries."

Dinneen said he would recommend students take the opportunity to study abroad.

"It's definitely the experience of a lifetime," he said.

Searls said there are many benefits to studying abroad. It is a chance to meet people from the country you are studying in and make great friends. Searls said when people are in another country they need to get out of their comfort zones.

"Get away from the damn Americans, or at least meet new Americans," Searls said.

Students studying abroad in AIFS programs stay in dorms with other students who are natives to the country, so they are fully immersed into the culture.

Also, it is a great chance to travel the country and to become self-reliant.

"It's a chance to drink really good beer that you've never tried before," Searls adds.

The programs with AIFS are comparable in cost to LSC's out-of-state tuition. Financial aid and loans can be applied to these schools, and credits can be transferred.

For more information, talk to Paul Searls, or visit the AIFS website at www.aifsabroad.com.

AWRT to change name, PETE to remain in bad standing

Madison Cox
News Editor

The Physical Education Teachers Education (PETE) club is on its last leg following the Student Government Association general business meeting Wednesday night.

The club has a history of poor attendance at SGA meetings, and was taken to task for a second time this year for it. Because of its poor standing, the club was unable to submit a budget request for the next year.

"We have resolved the issues in communication between the SGA rep, the alternate and me," President Courtney Samuels said.

Brian Wilcock of the Outing Club suggested the SGA give PETE voting privileges, but freeze its budget in order to encourage attendance. This did not sit well with all members of SGA.

"They don't need an incentive to be here," second year elected representative Rachel Keller said.

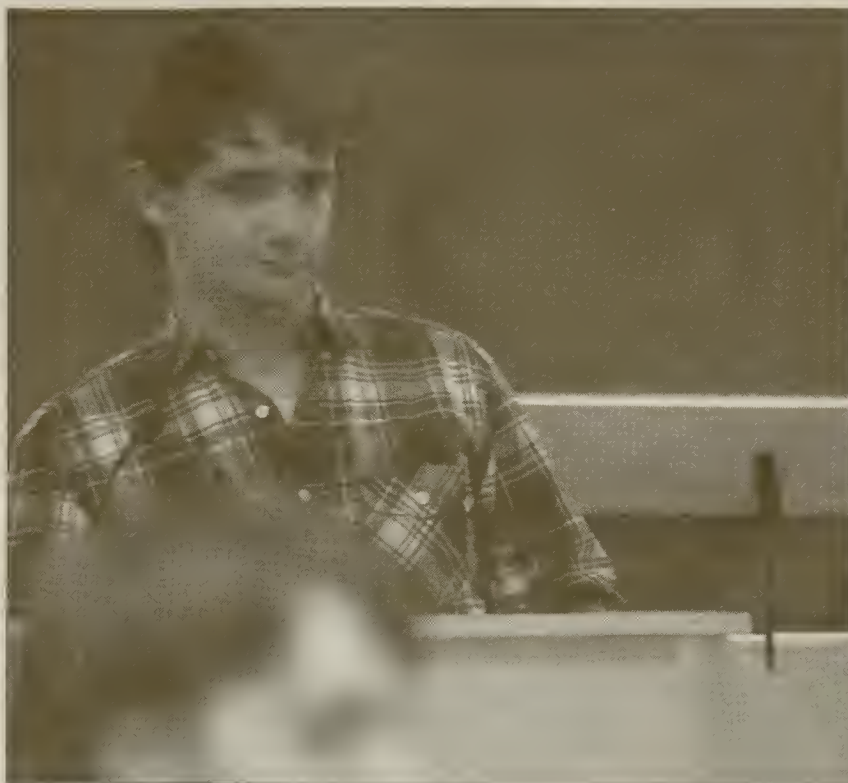
However, the members of SGA voted to take no action, meaning PETE will stay a club, but remain in bad standing.

The SGA general fund received a bump of \$13,761.14 to add to the general fund to get the clubs through the school year.

The Jiu-Jitsu club was granted \$990 to send six people to a seminar in Erie, Pa. from April 17-18. The club is contributing \$400 from its tournament hosting and \$120 from its headgear budgets.

The Outing Club was allowed to reallocate \$2780 from rock-climbing setups to a climbing instruction program. The program will allow six people to become certified, including two advisors and four students.

In other business, AWRT will soon be changing its name to "Alliance for Women in Media", to reflect "changes in the industry and marketplace", according to representative Suzanne Proulx.



SGA president Andrew Chapin speaks to the room at Wednesday's budgeting meeting. Photo by Eric Wayne

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War or peace? The choice is yours

Robert Patton
Critic Staff

Most readers of this article have been able to vote since they turned 18. The 26th Amendment, ratified on July 1, 1971, made that possible. Most Americans know that, before that time, the right to vote was extended to women and to all male citizens regardless of ethnicity. A smaller number may know that it took a Constitutional amendment to ban the use of poll taxes and literacy tests to limit the franchise.

Now the only group barred from the voting booth are those who have been convicted of a felony. That may seem to make sense, but such a law in South Africa would bar Nelson Mandela from voting. You may think these extensions of the franchise are all of a kind—examples of progressive steps to extend the blessings of democracy to all people. But the 26th Amendment is in a class by itself.

Neither the Congress nor the Supreme Court has ever

maintained that age is not a valid consideration in apportioning rights and responsibilities. The lawmakers still believe that the ability to drink responsibly is limited to those who are 21 or older. They also believe that 18 year olds have a right to buy a rifle or shotgun, but the right to buy a handgun should be limited to those who are 21 or older. So why, in 1971, did state and federal lawmakers bestow the right to vote to 18-year-old citizens?

If you haven't figured it out by now, the reason was the Vietnam War and the draft that sent 50,000 or so young men (mostly) to their deaths in an Asian nation of no particular significance to the United States. As in most wars, the number of injured Americans was many times larger than those who made what the war makers like to call the "Supreme Sacrifice." Of course the number of Vietnamese deaths was the largest of all and the number of civilian deaths was not even counted. We lumped the dead who wore no uniforms and

carried no weapons as "collateral damage."

The war was good for higher education. If a young man wanted to be sure of staying alive, he needed to get into college and maintain grades high enough to keep him there. Not surprisingly, students and young people in general were not happy with that. The government worked hard at maintaining the fiction that all this bloodshed was protecting the nation, but as the years dragged on, the argument became less and less convincing.

Protests started on college campuses. Students occupied buildings, literally shutting down the educational establishment. Demonstrators, who had learned the power of grass roots activity from the earlier civil rights struggle, marched, carried signs, and chanted "Hey, hey, LBJ. How many kids did you kill today?"

A few became violent. The Weather Underground was born. Black students armed with military rifles demonstrated at Cornell Uni-

versity and their photograph was carried on the front pages of newspapers all over the country.

Then, early in 1970 students staged a peaceful demonstration at Kent State University in Ohio. In clear violation of the Posse Comitatus Act, armed National Guard troops were ordered onto the campus. Ironically, most of these Guardsmen had probably signed up to avoid the draft.

Students and Guardsmen clashed. The students threw flowers; the Guardsmen opened fire and four students bled out their young lives on the grass. No one was ever able to explain the matter and no one was ever charged in the deaths of the students.

Instead the push to lower the voting age to 18 accelerated. In effect, the law makers were saying; Hey kids, you may continue to die on foreign soil, but we're going to make you part of the problem. If you don't like it, you can vote.

Then they eliminated the draft. Well, not really. The

draft stayed, but they stopped using it. Instead of those letters that started: "Greetings from your friends and neighbors," they hired Madison Avenue pros to pitch benefits like "Earn money for college." So now all of you can vote.

But is it working? Can you really make a difference by voting? Do you see a big difference between the Republican president that started two wars and flushed hundreds of billions down the Federal toilet to benefit his banker friends and the Democrat who has expanded one of those wars, continues to authorize torture and extraordinary rendition, and has flushed even more money down the same commode?

Final Answer:

If you vote, don't stop. If you don't vote, start. But voting is not enough—not nearly enough. Educate yourself. Learn what's going on. Think and share your thoughts with others. And, in every way you can, let the politicians and their banker cronies know that you're not going to take it anymore.

Words of wisdom: Thanks to you Mr. Inspiration

Arianna Millington
Web Editor

"If you want to achieve things in life, you've just got to do them, and if you're talented and smart, you'll succeed."—Juliana Hatfield

I have a great friend I'd like to tell everyone about. I'm not sure I'll capture all his greatness, but I'll try.

This guy at our school is such a HARD WORKER! I just knew a few days after meeting him, that I'd love being around him, because his spirit is so positive. He's

super polite, super generous, and super brilliant, and I'm not exaggerating!

On top of all his awesome surface qualities, he's one of the few freshmen on the President's list, he's the Freshmen Spotlight (outside the peer Leader Office), he's truly dedicated to the Twilight Players and the men's tennis team. On top of all that he's an atmospheric science major with straight A's. I think one of the best things about him is his humility and modesty. He will not brag or take credit for his hard work, so I'm going

to brag for him.

He's truly a great example, especially to me. His multitasking is unbelievable. He's always doing homework and studying for some Calc 2 test, and working out and practicing for tennis. If you ever see him in the dining hall, he's more than likely on the way out. And if you ever see him in the halls, he's zipping through to get the next thing done. I don't understand how he's always willing to do everything and help others, but I'm proud of him, because he does.

Example: I use him as my inspiration whenever I'm feeling lazy or know I could be working a little harder. I know he's not perfect, and I'm sure he has some flaws, just like the rest of us, but I think his hard work and accomplishments should be recognized and modeled.

I sometimes wonder if I push past my laziness and study more and worked harder, what kind of success I could achieve. Inspiration is truly essential for improving. Thanks Mr. Lyndon 2010, for being so inspirational!

Application: Let yourself be inspired today, if not by this guy, then by someone else. Visualize how successful you could be if you worked harder. and acknowledge where you waste a lot of time (for me, it's Facebook). Is your life already a success story? If not, what's holding you back?

Report your progress: If you try this application, and you like what you've done, please let me know.

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Letter to the Editor:

Dear Editor,

I am the president of the Anime club here on campus. I and my club whole heartedly back the candidacy of John Kleinhans and Rachel Keller.

We feel that the two of them are the best for the position of President and Vice President and we pledge our support for them as a club.

Thank you,

Joe Biega

P.S. Netflix does not work for the Anime Club!!!

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Creating new sports is a complicated process

Arianna Millington
Web Editor

So far in the SGA budgeting process the five club sports are requesting a total of \$44,350 for the 2010-2011 school year.

Many may be wondering: "Why don't they just become varsity sports?"

Some facts not known to many are the qualifications necessary to become a varsity sport. According to Athletic Director Chris Ummer, there are four main questions to consider while determining the eligibility of a potential varsity sport. There must be enough interest, it must be cost effective, it must be able to be housed on or near campus and there need to be other teams to play.

Along with these requirements, the addition of a varsity sport also has to fit into the athletic department's plan and abide by Title IX.

Title IX requires that women are given the same opportunities as men, in sports this means the college must have equal men's teams

and women's teams.

A club sport should consistently maintain the interest of at least 15 to 17 people. Ummer mentioned that sports that existed at one point at Lyndon, didn't last due to the lack of interest. He also says that this drop in numbers causes the sport to lose its sponsorship by the school, causing it to become extinct, until enough interest is aroused again.

A big factor in determining whether or not to make a club sport a varsity sport is whether or not it will make a

profit. A North Athletic Conference (NAC) sponsored sport is more than likely approved by the school before a sport NAC does not sponsor, because of the chance for a championship. Another financial key to a varsity sport is the dedication of the staff

of the Athletic Department.

"The healthier the Athletic Department is, the healthier the sports they sponsor are going to be," said Ummer. "A coach could

The ability to have facilities for each sport may be one of the biggest filters in deciding if a sport may be varsity or not.

"As far as hockey goes, we don't need a rink on campus. Castleton's is at least 15 miles away," said Ummer. With this he mentions that the ice rink that the hockey club practices at has inadequate support rooms, meaning that the locker rooms are too small and the rooms are not in a good enough condition to have meetings in.

According to Ummer, women's lacrosse would require their own

field, preferably on campus. "As of right now the field that they would share with men's lacrosse already looks horrible after the men's practices and games. Doubling that amount of practices and games would ruin the field. It would be a better idea to

maybe have an artificial field (fake grass)." He also says water polo would need an appropriate pool built, due to the fact that our pool is not deep enough and there's no deep pool close enough.

The competition is really something to worry about, especially if it doesn't exist. Ummer said it's sad to see, and sad to know there's not really anything that can be done about it, but in Vermont some schools are not close enough for Lyndon to compete with. This predicament pertains to sports like bowling, gymnastics, and Nordic and Alpine skiing. LSC has a bowling club and a club for skiers and snowboarders but neither one competes.

Also, Ummer mentions the importance of equity and balance that Title IX brings, and also acknowledges the disadvantages it brings to a school like Lyndon.

According to Ummer women are more likely to play multiple sports than men.



Photo by Eric Wayne
Rugby club rep Daniel Carbonneau takes questions during SGA budgeting.

know every rule in the book about basketball, but if he doesn't have that eye for recruiting great talent, then there's a job security issue, which affects the standing of the sport here." College sports rely on the ability to recruit players.

Below average winter ends with great spring riding

Michelle Berry
News Correspondent

Those of you that love the white stuff may have noticed the lack of winter weather this past winter.

Being a Vermont native and avid skier myself, I was more than disappointed with

the snowfall we experienced and demanded an explanation so I contacted the Director of Lyndon State College's Lyndon Institute for Applied Meteorology program, Jason Shafer, for some answers.

"Here's my take on this winter: we were spoiled the last two winters with well

above average snowfall," Shafer said. In comparison to other year's snow fall, he found that this year was ultimately average or below average, whereas in the past two years we had experienced mainly above average snowfall. This year's low elevation locations such as St. Johnsbury experienced well below average snow fall. St. Johnsbury accumulated 45.2 inches from December through February, which marks this season as the third lowest snow total over the past 20 years. The past two winters are number one and two.

If you visited higher elevations this winter you would have noticed the snow was not lacking in abundance. Many of our Lyndon State College students were drawn to the college for its close

proximity to lucrative ski resorts. At Jay Peak's observation point, which is at an elevation of 1,900 feet, data shows an accumulated 147 inches in December through February and an overall snow report for the season currently at 251 inches. That makes St. Johnsbury snowfall look like a light dusting. I myself visited Jay a handful of times this winter and delighted in the nearly waist-deep powder on some of the forest trails.

Burke Mountain did not have the same luck. Burke has an overall elevation of 3,267 feet and has an overall annual snowfall of 107 inches over the past winter months. Burke's snowfall has not even reached half that of Jay's for the season and it looks like it never will.

"Since mid-January

there's been a snow drought in most locations. The thaw in late January exacerbated marginal snow conditions, and the southern track of jet stream kept storms to our south through most of January and February," said Shafer. Most of the snowfall seemed to have been in our earlier months. A look outside the window in downtown Lyndonville shows small accumulations of snow and lots of uncovered ground with not a sign of a chance of any new snowfall.

Spring is the best time of year to hit the slopes though and conditions are great right now so grab your skis or boards and get up to your favorite resort any chance you get before all of our favorite white stuff disappears altogether!

Class of 2010

Each year the senior class takes up a modest collection and makes a gift to the college in honor of their graduation. In previous years, the contribution has gone to support a student scholarship. Last year, the class of 2009 supported the purchase of a bench for the stone wall patio in front of the new building.

Your Senior Week committee has compiled a list of possibilities for your class. Please take a look at the list below and E-MAIL Hannah Manley at hannah.manley@lyndonstate.edu with your VOTE by Friday, March 19!

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They Wandered by Patrick Carr

They wandered, aside from each other and from themselves. Jack's questions will make Adan doubt himself. Evelyn never did believe, and it meant nothing to her. Isabella never believed either; she went along with it because it meant nothing to her. Jack didn't doubt it, it meant nothing to him, he will just want to know what it was about. Adan had discovered it and devolved the plan. It meant everything to him. The System, life, it was not his creation but that's what it felt like. Evelyn was discovered, nay, she discovered herself. She would not be looking for the System. She would be wandering and there it would be. And Evelyn saw the System. Isabella and Jack had both discovered something more important; they had been mother and son. The relationship that developed was lacking just that, development. Evelyn never did believe, she just knew that Isabella had lied to her. Isabella had manipulated Evelyn into the plan. Isabella had gotten Evelyn to kill Jack. Isabella had brought Evelyn to the spot which she had killed Jack, the spot upon which Adan killed Isabella. Adan had killed himself upon this spot. The spot upon which stood the hospital where Evelyn died, the spot where the System would stand. It was all for the System, its creation would be required to prevent the end of humanity.

They all stand upon the spot, at least most of them. There is a hill next to the spot where the gathering room had been put up. Jack is sitting on a rock upon the hill, busying himself by examining a leaf.

As far as he's concerned he plays the easy part, a little upset that he has no lines but otherwise completely content to stand back.

"You're a fucking lying cunt," Evelyn shouts, grabbing at Isabella, who remains completely stoic.

As far as Isabella's concerned she, herself, has no part left to play.

Adan tries to intercede himself between the two; it will have no avail, "Look, what happened happened; that is the past." Adan feels an interjection from Isabella and quickens his explanation. "This is what's important," he points to the ground.

Adan has certainty that his part is leader. After all that's what it has all been for.

"I'm through with this shit." Evelyn puts her other hand on Isabella's throat, "I'm sick of being manipulated, but most of all," Evelyn looks around to Jack and Adan, "I'm sick of all of you."

Adan takes a step back.

"Don't do this Evelyn; you're not supposed to do this. Just let go, we've got a lot of..." he says. Evelyn throws Isabella to the ground, wrapping her hands around Isabella's throat.

"Shut the fuck up and listen to him," Evelyn says, looking desperately into Isabella's eyes, "don't you see, he's not even stopping me, he doesn't care about you, Adan has no feelings for any of us."

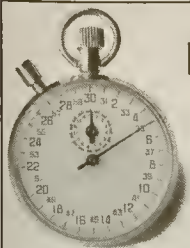
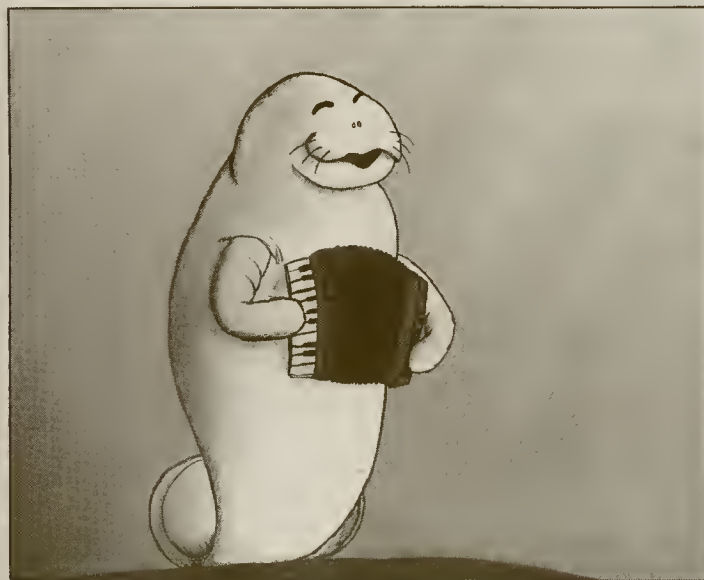
"She's already dead," Jack says, not even bothering to look up from his leaf.

Evelyn feels the back of Isabella's head. Wet. Blood. "If you want me Adam, don't bother; I did this for him," Evelyn indicates waving a blood soaked hand in Jack's direction, "And he's not even..." She dropped Isabella's body and got up.

"I'll have no further part in this plan."

With that Evelyn wandered off.

Fitzgerald the Jovial Manatee by Caleb Dudley



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The Stomach Bug

by Sara Marquette

Jackie said I have a stomach bug.

I don't want to have a stomach bug. Bugs are gross. They must be even worse when they're inside you. It must not like me too much; it seems to be moving around a lot.

I asked Mommy why a bug would want to live in my stomach and she laughed at me. I don't think she's ever had a stomach bug. If she did, I don't think she'd be laughing. She'd be hurting like me.

I wonder if it ever leaves.

Will it rip me apart when it's done with my stomach? I saw that happen once on the TV; the man yelled really loud. I don't want to yell like that man. I keep putting my hands on my stomach to see if I can feel it moving around. I can't feel anything with my hands, but I can sure feel it inside.

I think it'll get out through my

mouth. It seems to be trying really hard to do so. Or maybe all the food that I try to eat is taking up the room the stomach bug needs to live. I think it keeps throwing stuff back out because it's mad at it. Maybe one time it will come out with the rest of the stuff it throws back.

I asked Jackie about it; she said she's never had a stomach bug so she didn't know if it ever went away. She also didn't understand why our mother wouldn't let me have chocolate anymore.

One day it didn't hurt anymore.

Mommy says the stomach bug went away. But I don't know how it got out without me noticing. I was watching for it. I never saw the stomach bug leave, so I don't know what happened to it.

Maybe it just died. Maybe the juice Mommy made me drink drowned it. Maybe Mommy killed my stomach bug.

I wonder if we can bury it like we did to Jackie's gerbil.

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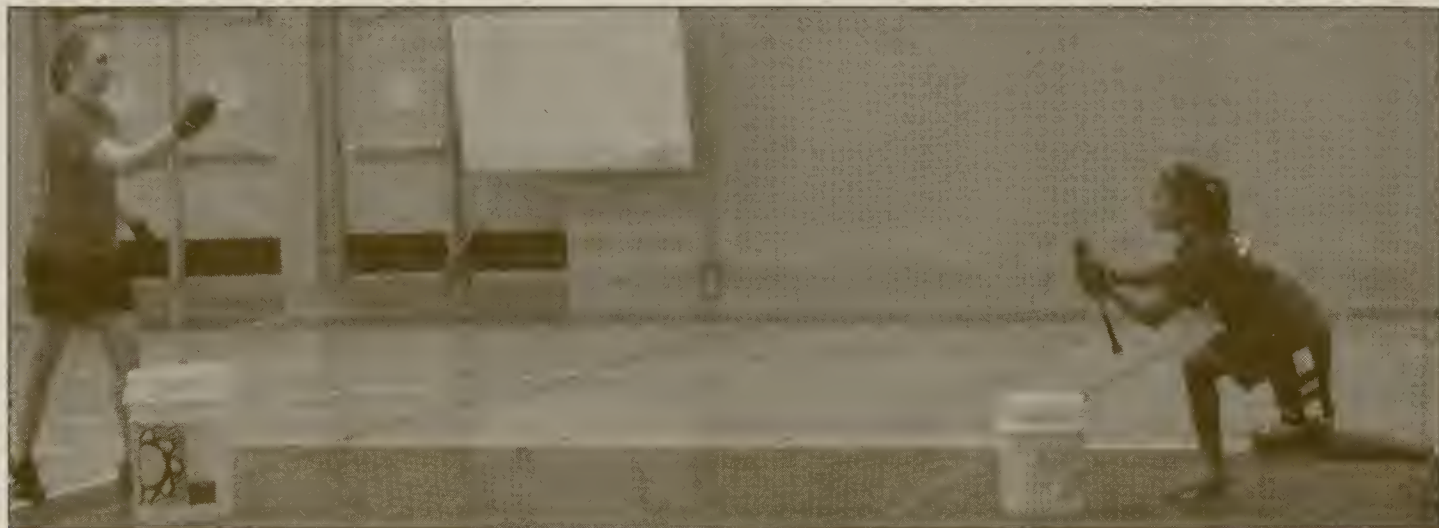
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After indoor practice, softball team ready for diamonds



Sebastian C. Lury
Sports Editor

The Lyndon State College softball team will take to the field for the first time tomorrow in a double-header away from Skip Pound Field.

The team will travel to play Massachusetts Maritime Academy for their first live game action. It will also be the team's first time outdoors after practicing in the Stannard Gymnasium. The team will then have a week before it plays again and has plans to utilize the week off.

"We'll be able to work on what our weaknesses are during Saturday's games," says captain Kathy Kline, a junior center-fielder. "It'll prepare us more for next weekend."

Fourth-year head coach Jennifer Kirchoff sees the week between games as a time to make adjustments.

"We're going to work as it's the first time we're going to be on the field," she says. "We'll be taking notes of what improvements that we have to make and we'll be working on that throughout the week. We have a pretty good scheduled practice week."

The team will play its first eight games of the year on the road before opening at home on April 8, a decision usually made due to snow.

"It's tough traveling with school and everything," says Kline, "but when we go to April 8, we'll be prepared to battle at home."

"Usually it's fine," says Kirchoff, "because we don't have a cleared field by then. But now it's kind of like I'm bummed because the field's ready to go. But it gets us on the road and gets us playing elsewhere and we'll have that much more confidence when

we're playing at home and when we have later games."

The team features no seniors and only two juniors, but neither Kline nor Kirchoff see this as a strike against the team.

"I really like the youth of the team that way we can just build the team together for the next couple of seasons, become stronger as a team," says Kline. "I've got more experience than some of the players. I feel that I'm able to teach them a lot of things they don't know."

"We have no issues on this team this year," says Kirchoff. "It's great. They're a family and they all work together and our juniors definitely take a lot of leadership on the team. [The team's] young, definitely, but there's a lot of potential and a lot of room to grow. They've come a long way. I do have a really good outlook for this season."

Kirchoff's outlook has to do with the strategy that the team will implement in games.

"We're going to be playing a lot of short ball. We have a lot of fast runners so we're going to be getting the other teams off their feet quickly because they're not going to know what we're going to be doing," she says. "It's not going to just be power hitters; it's going to be a lot of short ball."

Her outlook also pertains to postseason play.

"I think we'll be in the top four teams," she says. "So we should be able to make playoffs. We won't be at the bottom of the list."

For now, Kline is the only known captain, but another captain will be named, according to Kirchoff.

"We'll have two," she says. "I won't mention who it is yet, but we will be having two captains."



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Above top: Sophomore left fielder Michelle Wilcox awaits the toss from sophomore pitcher/short-stop Katelyn Willey in a bunting drill. Above left: freshman outfielder Christine George takes the first pitch during batting practice in the cage. Above: freshman outfielder Kayleigh Marsh hits the ball into the net of the batting cage after freshman outfielder Kayla Hutchins had tossed it to her as part of a coordination drill using a swivel stick.

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Lacrosse team prepares for war, season

Nicholas Russo
Critic Staff

Lyndon's men's lacrosse team has shown improvement in its first two years in the North Atlantic Conference and are ready for war this year.

"It's called the little brother of war, invented by native Americans, it was how they were trained in battle. It's the truest American sport," says head coach Tim Tierney.

Last season, in just the team's second year as an official NAC team, they won four games overall. This year, Tierney thinks the squad has the potential to go even further.

"Expectations are looking good, we have an infusion of some new players and some transfer students from other pretty established programs" said Tierney.

Tierney says that new players will help the team.

"They're going to make our team much better" he said. "We also have a cadre of veteran players that are getting into the program and peaking. We're coming into our own in the third year of the program, we're excited about the possibilities here. This is a very crucial moment for our program."

Tierney was quick to point to freshman Taylor Strout as a player he thinks will have a significant impact on the team this year. Strout was the second leading scorer in high school Vermont lacrosse last year and played for the state championship team. Strout says he chose Lyndon for its location.

"I wanted to branch out and get away from Burlington and go to a more rural place" said Strout. "More than half of my class is going to Castleton, that's where I was thinking about going, but only two people from my class are coming here. It

made more sense to me to go somewhere and meet more new people, rather than going with people I already knew" he said. "I like the ski resort program here, it's one of the best in the country. I love lacrosse, but I'm here to go to school, lacrosse is just

"The big thing is I think it will be a little faster, a bit more physical. Another thing is the games will be about 10 minutes longer than what I'm used to," he said.

Coach Tierney said that the team is equally as excited about several

graduates of St. Johnsbury academy. They can play full time and not sit on the bench for a few years," he said.

As the team is now in its third year, Lyndon has cultivated its own core group of veteran guys who are expected to display veteran leadership that is needed to make the team stronger. Chris Mansour, who plays the position of attack, is one of two senior captains this year. Mansour, who has had to endure two losing seasons, now has much more hope for a productive season.

"I think this season will be a lot better than last, certainly better than the first year when we had several guys who had never even held a stick before" he said. "This year we have a lot of returning players as well as transfer players that have a lot of experience."

This year, Mansour has noticed that even the players who don't necessarily have a ton of experience are improving quickly.

"I'm actually really impressed with the freshmen because the kids who have never held a stick before are just really stepping up and developing the skills a lot faster than people usually do," he said. Mansour says the team's main goal is to have a winning season and go over .500.

Tierney thinks that the team should draw more of a crowd to home games.

"We think that we should get a larger fanbase from the college," he said. "I think a lot of kids, staff and students should come check out some home lacrosse games, we have the most this year" he said. "I think people will be excited about their team and also the game itself."

The team's first home game is Sunday at 1 p.m. vs. Thomas college.



Photos by Eric Wayne

something I can do that's fun and I excel at."

With a few exceptions, Strout does not expect there will be a significant adjustment from playing high school lacrosse to the college level.

transfers who are joining the team. He thinks the new players were drawn here for playtime. "They knew here they could come out and play a lot. They're local,

The Monroe Doctrine:

March drives everybody mad



Sam Monroe
Managing Editor

We all know what March means; it is time to get mad.

Every year there is a Cinderella story in the tournament, and we all secretly pull for them even though we know that our bracket is going to be severely screwed up if they win, even if it just one game.

Well with the tournament being less than four hours old at the time of print, I've al-

ready had the inevitable upset scare.

I have never been known to watch basketball scores real closely; usually I just check in at the end of the game to see how things went. But not this time. Sitting in class knowing that one of my final four teams, (2) Villanova was just minutes from being knocked out in the first round, I wanted to know the score more than anybody. It took over time for Nova to knock off Robert Morris University. Yes I know some Nova starters did ride the pine for a little while, but it finds me wondering if my pick of Nova going to the final four was smart.

I guess it's time to start second-guessing your bracket already. There have already

been some big upsets. (13) Murray State beat (4) Vanderbilt and (11) Old Dominion defeated a (6) Notre Dame.

So who will be this year's George Mason? No one knows, I sure as heck do not, the biggest upset I chose is Siena beating Purdue, and can you really call that an upset?

This week I thought it would be fun to get some more voices in the column, so I inquired about the final four and champions from a few people around campus.

To see these picks made by members of *The Critic* staff as well as those of some Lyndon faculty members, log onto the website. While you're there, leave a comment with your final four and your Cinderella team.



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Heartbreak and hilarity: the New York City trip

Weekend adventure in the city that never sleeps



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Mandy Berez, Joe Biega, Adam Rutt, Aimee Lawton, Rich Perilli, and Eva Bessette in Times Square Saturday night.

Aimee Lawton
Entertainment Editor

Saturday's New York City trip was certainly far from uneventful.

The day began at 5 a.m. when my group of friends and I boarded the bus with everyone else going on the trip. The bus ride was a little over six hours, and included about a 20 minute pit stop for breakfast and coffee in Connecticut. I found that the bus ride went by fast because I was really tired and slept a lot on the way there, at least for the first half.

We arrived in a very wet and rainy New York City at around 11:30 a.m. Since I am not a big fan of the rain, I was iffy about spending the whole day in it. I knew I had to make the best of it though, and having my boyfriend and some really good friends with me made that a lot easier than it would have been otherwise.

After all of about five minutes, we all began to look like wet dogs. The heavy rainfall had soaked our hair, and our shoes were beginning to turn in to sponges. This made me very thankful that Adam and I decided to buy umbrellas the day before (though after awhile, they didn't really help). I decided to offer my umbrella to my friends and shared Adam's with him. The day started out pretty well, but had its share of ups and downs as it progressed. Our first stop gave us the opportunity to bring out our inner child in the three story Toys R' Us in Times Square. The boys went straight for the

Matchbox cars, Anime, and video games while the girls reminisced in the Barbie section. We also visited M&M world, Heartland Brewery, Midtown Comics, and Victoria's Secret; all of which helped make the day more enjoyable (and kept us dry- at least temporarily).

For me personally, there were two major highlights of my day (aside from getting to spend the day with the awesome people that I was with). The first was seeing a hot pink stretch hummer limo drive down the street across from where we were trudging along the flooded sidewalks. For a very brief period of time, I forgot about how miserable the weather was as I watched this limo drive by. I can honestly say that I have never been more excited over any type of vehicle than I was at that moment.

The second was our dinner and arcade adventures at Dave and Buster's. The "Eat and Play" combo menu offered a choice of 8 different dinners and a complimentary \$10 game card for just \$19. I really enjoyed my food, and enjoyed my strawberry mudslide even more. (Oh how I love being 21). After dinner, we went to the huge arcade room which featured a wide variety of games suitable for all ages. Mandy and I ended up cashing out about 1,000 tickets at the end of the night.

Unfortunately, there were some other parts of the day that weren't so pleasant. For one, we were stuck in the pouring rain ALL day, which

forced us to walk around in soaking wet clothes and shoes. I wasn't able to take nearly as many pictures as I would have liked because I didn't want the rain to ruin my camera. What was probably the worst part of the day for me was when I realized that I lost my cell phone at some point in our travels, forcing me to call home and immediately get it shut off. I'm still not sure when or where I lost it, but I would guess that it fell out of my pocket one of the many times that we ran across the street.

By around 8 p.m. everyone had had enough and was ready to get back on the bus. Many of the other students who were on the trip spent the last hour in a Best Buy on the street where we would be picked up. Fortunately, Mandy and I had bought some dry clothes earlier in the day that we were able to change in to before the long bus ride home, which turned out to be much more unpleasant than the ride there.

We returned to Lyndon at around 5 a.m. Sunday morning. (It would have been 4 if it weren't for the damn time change). Though this was definitely not the best trip that I have ever taken I can at least say that I enjoyed spending the day with Adam, Mandy, Eva, Joe and Rich. It did have its share of ups and downs, but overall I feel that things could have been a lot worse.

Thus ends my weekend adventure in the city that never sleeps.

Cooking with Cook: Good Weather Grub



Gwen Cook
Critic Staff

Happy Spring everyone! We were lucky this year and got a taste of spring way before the actual day. The minute the weather starts to get warm my eating habits take a complete turn. I no longer want actual meals but instead have quick little snacks that will keep me going. The snacks I'm writing down today aren't necessarily the healthiest but I think they are absolutely delicious.

Strawberry shortcake

Bisquick (there is a recipe on there for strawberry shortcake; I follow this recipe but I usually add just a teaspoon more sugar)

1 quart of strawberries
¼ cup sugar
Cool Whip

Directions

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Follow the directions for the shortcake that is listed on the box. Slice the

strawberries in a large bowl and add in the sugar. Let the strawberries sit until the shortcake is done; it will dissolve the sugar and make syrup. Once the shortcake is cooked, split the cakes in half. Place the bottom half in a bowl and cover with strawberry mixture and Cool Whip. Finish with the top half.

Fried dough

1 loaf of frozen white bread
Crisco
1 large bottle of vegetable oil
Maple syrup

Directions

Grease the loaf of frozen bread liberally with Crisco the night before. Place the greased loaf in a bread pan and cover with plastic wrap and a warm towel. Stick the pan somewhere warm overnight. Pour oil into a pan with very deep sides. Warm the oil. Tear off sections of the bread dough and spread apart with your hands. Place in the oil and cook until browned, remembering to flip occasionally. Serve with maple syrup.

Fudgesicles

1 cup Cool Whip
1 package of the chocolate pudding mix (the kind that needs to be cooked)

2 cups of milk
½ cup of sugar
Popsicle sticks
Paper cups

Directions

Mix together the pudding, milk and the sugar and cook until thick. Cool completely before folding in the Cool Whip. Pour the mixture into paper cups, insert a Popsicle stick and freeze.

Relationship 101:

Spring is the season of love

Miss Ball and Chain
Critic Columnist

As you know, springtime has quickly sprung upon us, and what better way to welcome the warm weather than to keep your relationship as fun and refreshing as the season.

One way to do this is to fight away those post winter blues by spending some time outdoors. Sure, you may enjoy skiing, snowboarding, sledding, or participating in other winter activities with your lover, but springtime offers more opportunities for you both to get out and enjoy the sunshine.

You could take a ride together with the windows down, go for a long walk, play a round of frisbee golf, or go on a nature hike. Maybe you would rather get a group of friends together and start a game of wiffle ball or another fun outdoor sport. If this is not your style, you can just lay out in the sun, or in the grass under a starry night sky and spend a romantic evening together.

Spring is the season when flowers are in bloom. Guys, in honor of this, take the opportunity to surprise your sweetie with a fresh bouquet of flowers. Now, we're not talking expensive roses (you can save those for a special occasion); we're just talking something simple and beautiful to make her feel special. Some suggestions might be carnations or lilies in light pastel shades.

Rather than going out to a restaurant every time that you have a nice meal together, do something a little more personal. Prepare a picnic lunch to share in a quiet spot in the sunshine. After your meal, sit on the blanket and feed each other something romantic (like chocolate covered strawberries) for dessert. Why spend a beautiful day sitting inside when you could share a special meal together this way. Save the restaurant for late-night candlelit dinners.

However you choose to spend your spring is fine with us, just find a creative way to spend some time together while enjoying the outdoors.



The rugby club hosted its annual Snow Bowl last weekend. See page 6 for more photos. Photo by Sam Monroe



Paul Thibaut serves during a practice this week. See page 7 for more tennis action. Photo by Sam Monroe

LSC budget not "uplifting"

Ben Holbrook
Critic Editor

President Carol Moore began the budgeting meeting with a caveat that the day's information would not be uplifting regarding Lyndon's budget in the future.

"As you know, we postponed this meeting twice so that when we came before you we would have as much information as possible," Moore said before a collection of faculty and staff during Tuesday's budget meeting. "I wish I could promise this to be an uplifting meeting, but it's not," Moore said. Moore continued by saying how important it is for everyone to focus on the students, and to make sure their experience at Lyndon is the best it can be.

With that being said, Moore opened a slideshow detailing the current enrollment mix of students. Currently, 65 percent of the students at Lyndon are enrolled in a professional program, while 35 percent enrolled in a liberal arts program. A further breakdown of the numbers showed 64 percent of students are in-state, 33 percent of whom are from the Northeast Kingdom, 24 percent of the students are eligible for NEBHE, and only 12 percent who are out-of-state are not eligible for NEBHE.

Over the past decade, enrollment at Lyndon has grown 31 percent, according to Moore.

"The college is in a stronger position today than it was a decade ago," Moore said. Over that decade, Lyndon has seen an increase of 7.5 percent in staff and faculty hires.

Wayne Hamilton, dean of administration, assumed control of the discussion from Moore to talk about potential tuition increases for the next few years. As opposed to other years, the VSC schools were asked to put forth their own proposals for tuition increases at the request of Tim Donovan, VSC chancellor. However, the chancellor asked the colleges to keep tuition in-

creases at a minimum.

Lyndon put forth several proposals, each detailing a different scenario according to tuition increases, enrollment numbers and state appropriations. The first scenario Hamilton discussed was a three percent tuition increase with no change in enrollment numbers or state appropriations. With such a scenario, Lyndon would be facing a deficit of \$318,627 during the fiscal year 2011, a deficit of \$1,177,676 during 2012 and a deficit of \$2,134,214 during 2013.

In order to balance the budget during such a scenario would require "significant cost reductions," Hamilton said.

Hamilton attributed a lack of state appropriations as the major factor behind why there would be such serious deficits in the budget.

The next scenario Hamilton presented was a five percent tuition increase along with a program fee. The program fee would be a charge associated with specific majors such as graphic design, electronic journalism and atmospheric sciences. The fee would potentially start at \$500 in 2011, and increase \$250 each year after until 2013.

However, the program fee wouldn't increase at a steady rate after 2013, Hamilton said. Hamilton cautioned that the chance for an increase couldn't be ruled out in future years.

The program fee would be on top of the regular lab fees in certain classes.

Even with a 5 percent increase to the base tuition, Hamilton noted it would be the lowest increase in the past seven years.

Hamilton explained enrollment isn't the sole factor in keeping Lyndon a financially viable option for potential students: increasing retention rates and gaining more interest in the graduate programs are also key to financial viability.

"If we can improve retention, we only need to increase enrollment about 1.5 percent," Hamilton said.

Instead of designing a more comprehensive scenario plan like Lyndon, the other colleges opted for a straight tuition increase, said Hamilton.

As part of Lyndon's strategic plan, there is a strong focus on increasing enrollment to 1,600 by 2013. If Lyndon is able to increase enrollment to 1,600, even with a 3 percent tuition increase, there would be annual surpluses of \$18,000, \$560,000 and \$1,180,000. However, those surpluses would only cut the deficits mentioned in the first scenario by about half, Hamilton said.

Hamilton also pointed out that the above numbers reflect a mix of in-state and out-of-state students.

"If it was all Vermonters, then it [the budget] wouldn't balance," said Hamilton.

Patricia Krahnke, dean of admissions, took over the discussion from Hamilton to address the difficulties facing Lyndon in the future. One of the biggest factors potentially impacting Lyndon's enrollment numbers in future years is a steady decline in high school graduates in New England. Since New England residents are the primary group of students at Lyndon, having fewer students to draw from could impact Lyndon's viability.

To address the issue, Krahnke detailed what Lyndon was doing to make itself more accessible to potential students.

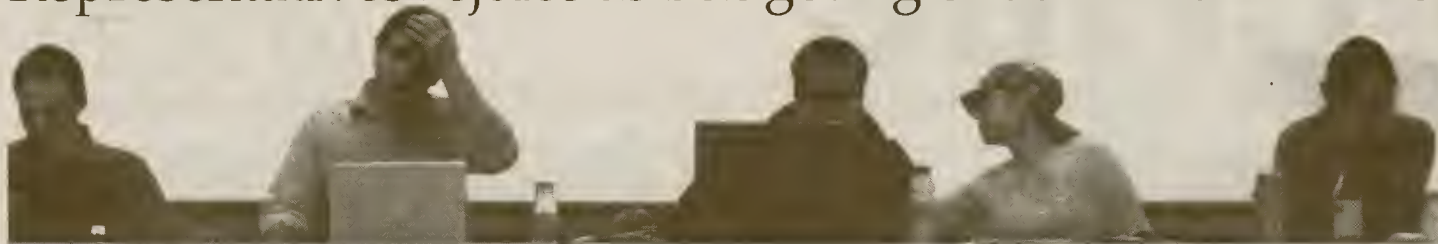
"A lot of professional programs have done a tremendous amount of work to improve their programs," Krahnke said. Because Lyndon competes with a number of New England-based colleges, Krahnke, and the admissions office, have been sending out mass-mailings to high school students about the programs Lyndon offers.

Moore concluded the meeting by reiterating the need for staff and faculty to focus their attention and energy and to let the deans and her "worry about the budget."

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Representatives rejoice as budgeting ends without freeze



SGA executive board from left to right: secretary John Kleinhans, president Andrew Chapin, vice president Tim Cappalli, treasurer Liané Carson, and adviser Stephanie Tyler

Photo by Eric Wayne

Madison Cox
News Editor

Applause filled the room as the final Student Government Association budgeting meeting of the year came to a close Wednesday night.

"We have reached the elusive zero percent freeze," SGA president Andrew Chapin said with a smile. His announcement resulted in cheers from the representatives who endured three previous late-night meetings.

With the possibility of a budget freeze lingering in the air, representatives from a variety of clubs made both cuts to their own budgets, as well as others.

The Lyndon State College Track and Field Club found itself as the center of debate due to its new club status,

only 16 active members, and high budget request of \$1605. Andrew Chapin compared the club to the Lyndon Strikers, a club that was new last year. According to Chapin, the Strikers had between 20 and 60 active members last year, and operated on \$900.

Fourth year elected representative Chris Wentworth disagreed with Chapin, saying it is unfair to compare the two clubs because the money each requests goes to different things. Wentworth said the Track and Field club will use the money for reusable equipment, while the Strikers use money to bowl. Track and Field lost \$600 from equipment, and \$300 from transportation. It also self-cut \$105 from its uniform budget.

WWLR also took a large cut of \$1200 from its confer-

ence budget. Representative Nick Phelan requested the cut come from conferences. The club self-cut \$300 from fees and licensing.

The largest cuts of the night came from the SGA operations during Phase 11 which was self-cuts.

"I'm not happy about this," Chapin said, "but we really do need to make cuts."

He cut \$2000 from Senior Week, \$500 from Spring Day, \$200 from promotional supplies, and \$100 from dining. Chapin's cuts resulted in a round of applause from the representatives, as well as some teasing.

"First, I'd like to say I'm not upset about this," outing club representative Brian Wilcock said as he proceeded to cut \$1,250 from the club's trip budget.

Twilight Players representative Dave Daly and Lyndon Emergency Responders (LER) representative Erik Randlov also mimicked Chapin's introduction before cutting \$200 each.

American Women in Radio and Television once again suffered cuts when Brian Wilcock motioned to take away \$1000 from its Gracies award ceremony.

"This is something that's in the spring," he said, "It's not essential to your club's operation. You're up 72 percent from your budget last year." His motion passed.

The Twilight Players musical director budget was a hot topic yet again, although nothing was cut in the end.

"Musical director is in your line B items [items that are not needed in order for

the club to run], and you can get a student director for \$500," Wilcock said. He also suggested the club request money in the spring.

"Having a student musical director, in my opinion, would be a tragedy," Dave Daly said.

"A good musical director is hard to find," Erik Randlov added. Wilcock's motion to cut \$500 failed.

Other cuts included \$200 from Anime club conventions, \$200 from Rugby dues and fees, and \$150 from Spirit Squad photocopies.

Self-cuts included \$1500 from the Student Investment Group, \$800 from the Hockey club, and \$500 from the American Meteorological Society's annual meeting.

WWLR elects new business manager

Erin Milne
Critic Staff

Listeners of WWLR, Lyndon State College's student radio station, may soon notice better quality programs thanks to Dave Marks, the station's newly-elected business manager.

Marks, a junior television studies major, says he intends to give WWLR a more professional sound and get the station back on the "right track." He feels those who currently run the station have made a few "wrong choices" that have prevented the station from reaching its full potential.

In addition to handling money and paperwork for the station, Marks will work on building relationships between WWLR and local businesses. He hopes to increase underwriting (non-profit sponsorships) by these businesses.

Marks has been a DJ for WWLR since his freshman year at LSC. He believes the skills he gained in that role, as well as his concern for WWLR, will make him an effective business manager.

"I care so much about that radio station," Marks said. He was elected into the position at an emergency meeting the club called after their business manager from the fall semes-

ter left the school.

A new business manager isn't the only change WWLR listeners could be hearing on the air-waves in the near future. WWLR has been known as "The Impulse" for a long time. So long, in fact, that the station management is considering a name change.

"We thought that maybe it was time for a change," general manager Nick Phelan said in an e-mail. Phelan has asked the club to think of possibilities for a new name. According to Phelan the station has been known as "The Impulse" since at least 1992. Before that the station was known simply as "92 Rock." Phelan says this dates back to at least 1983.

"One name we pitched to the club was WWLR 'Pirate Radio'," Phelan said. "Mainly because the station IDs write themselves; WWLRrrrrr Pirate Radio. It doesn't get any easier." When Phelan pitched the idea to the club at a meeting in February some of the members voiced concerns about making sure the name stayed professional.

"No one looked too excited about changing the name," Phelan said. Phelan will be graduating at the end of the year and it appears that WWLR will remain known as "The Impulse" for at least the remainder of his time here.

Mark Hilton, associate professor of business and the adviser to WWLR, is leaving any decision on the name change up to the club. Hilton says his job, as adviser, is simply to make sure that the station follows Federal Communications Commission regulations. To comply with these regulations, the station must retain its call letters, WWLR, regardless of whether or not it changes its name, Hilton said, and these letters must be announced at the top of every hour.



WWLR rep Nick Phelan at SGA

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Five students contend for marketing scholarship

Five qualified Lyndon students were nominated by the Business Department to receive the \$1000 VT/NH Marketing Group Scholarship for the 2010-2011 school year.

This is the first year that the department was given the opportunity to make nominations for this scholarship. Lyndon State was the only college in Vermont that was invited to nominate students for the Vermont award, with Plymouth State being the only one invited for New Hampshire.

The reason that Lyndon was chosen over other Vermont colleges is because business professor Linda Mitchell and another former Lyndon professor are actively involved in the organization; this is also because Lyndon offers a marketing degree program for both majors and minors.

Students who could be nominated for this scholarship needed to have a sophomore or junior standing and an overall GPA of 3.0. They also were required to have taken or to be enrolled in a total of three marketing courses, and had to be returning as students next year.

Each of the five nominees were required to fill out an application and write an essay discussing their studies and views on marketing. Professor Linda Mitchell also wrote personal recommendations for each of them.

"Only one of the five nominated students is a business major," Mitchell said.

The other four are either double majoring or minoring in a marketing concentration.

Mitchell also said that it was great to see lots of students taking marketing courses from a wide variety of majors.

"It keeps classes interesting," she said.

The five nominated students were Tyler Tinker, Gina Villarreal, Dana Rogers, Matt Pietkevich, and Kate Demar; all of whom have taken marketing classes already, and plan to continue their marketing studies in the future.

Tinker is a sophomore graphic design major from Orleans, Vt. who is also beginning his marketing studies.

According to Mitchell, "he has a natural talent for sales and marketing, and can crunch the numbers."

"[Tinker] will be successful in marketing because he is able to combine creative talent with good marketing insights – and he can 'sell' his insight and ideas to others," Mitchell said in his recommendation letter. She also added that Tinker has already proven himself as a salesman as he was promoted to assistant manager of Olympia Sports less than six months after being hired there.

Gina Villarreal is a junior who is majoring in visual arts. Mitchell says that she has an excellent ability to create designs to achieve marketing objective. She added that Villarreal also did a lot of work to promote Bob Allen's recent visit to Lyndon State College, including the creation of posters, a PDF e-mail message, and 3x4 reminder cards that were placed in the mailboxes of juniors and seniors who check their mail regularly.

"Thanks to Gina's work, we had a larger audience than expected," Mitchell said.

Mitchell also said that Villarreal is a "delightful, engaged person who is well-organized and works easily with others."

Dana Rogers is a junior double majoring in business and global studies. Within the past year, Mitchell said that she collaborated with Rogers on a marketing project for the Haskell Opera House in Derby, Vt. She also said that Rogers was a lead market researcher on a project for Jed's Maple Products in Westfield, Vt.

Mitchell said that Rogers' first major, global studies, has given her the opportunity to travel abroad several times throughout her college career. She also said that Rogers has a very good ability to work with a wide range of people, and is open to new people, places, and ideas.

Matt Pietkevich is a junior digital media major who is also studying marketing. He started as an engineering major but found that web design was better suited for his problem solving skills because he could combine them with his visual arts design talents. Mitchell says that Matt will be successful in marketing either as a member of marketing department or as a provider of web services.

"He is definitely someone to have on your marketing

team," Mitchell said. "He is smart, articulate, enjoys figuring out how to achieve a marketing objective, has design and technology talent, and works well with others."

Kate Demar is a junior business major who has hands-on marketing experience at Tender Corp. in Littleton, NH. This is the third year that Demar has held her position there as a marketing intern. According to Mitchell, Demar currently focuses on social media and will soon be shifting in to public relations and creative design.

"The CEO of Tender Corp., Jason Cartwright, has asked Kate to stay on board for the coming year, and has invited her to join the staff full-time after graduation," Mitchell said. She also added that Kate is "a clearly talented young person who will do well in her marketing career."

All scholarship awards will be determined by the VT/NH Marketing Group Scholarship Committee, and will be given out sometime in April. Winners may be invited to attend the April VT/NH Marketing Group meeting.

Healthy living through steady jump-roping

Sarah Aube
News Correspondant

If you are looking for an opportunity to shed some sweat while having a good time, look no further.

The Second Annual Wellness Initiative Jump-A-Thon is coming up soon. On Friday, April 2, students, staff, and faculty will be participating in a jump-roping contest to promote healthy living.

"Divided into age groups, we jump until the last person is done," said Tracy Sherbrook, member of the Wellness Committee who sponsors this event. "It's okay

if you occasionally get tangled in your rope, as long as you keep going. And you don't have to go fast; everyone is encouraged to jump at their own pace."

Prizes are awarded to the winners of each age group and there are also healthy snacks available and door prizes to be won.

"We don't raise money for anything — it is simply for the heart health of it," Sherbrook said. "And it makes us all laugh, which is good for our health, too."

Sherbrook got the idea from the American Heart Association who used to sponsor

events similar to this one at her children's elementary school.

Last year was the first year the event took place and about 12 people participated.

"Although we did not have a large group, we did have a great deal of fun," said Sherbrook. "It was fun to see staff and faculty members doing something they proba-

bly hadn't done since they were 10."

Last year's winner, Mark Tucker,

jumped for twenty minutes straight and could have kept going if he had not been stopped by the other participants.

Sherbrook says the requirements to participate are, "A jump rope [but if you don't have one, they have extras] comfortable clothes, a not-too-full stomach, sneakers, a sense of humor, good

sportsmanship, and a willingness to act like you're 10 again."

The deadline for signing up is today and the event will take place on April 2, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. in the Rita Bole Gymnasium.

Contact Tracy Sherbrook with your name and age to sign-up.

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ASK ABOUT WEEKLY SPECIALS!

Words of wisdom: fighting for improvement

Ariana Millington
Web Editor

"I guess you could tease me about being a drama queen, because that did heighten the drama." —Greg Louganis

For some strange reason, I am always in the hot seat! Don't get me wrong, I love my life and wouldn't change it a bit. I just feel like every week it's always something. Sometimes it's drama with my friends or my grades, and if it's not one of those two, then I'm screwing up in one of my clubs or letting down someone at home. It seems like there's no way to win!

I admit that my biggest problem is that I talk too much, either too much or on

the wrong topic. You would think that since I'm so analytical and opinionated I'd be a little closer to perfect, but nope, I'm full of flaws, just like everyone else.

When I was younger and playing video games with my big brother and his friends, I liked to play a wrestling game because they allowed you to create a person and design her clothes, style her hair and choose jewelry and tattoos.

When it was time to select her qualities, you could choose from about four or five categories like agility, skills, stamina, strength, etc., and decide how much of a percentage of that quality to provide. All the qualities you selected couldn't add up to

more than 100%. Even at that young age I knew that this fake video game for this fake show was a real life lesson: NOBODY'S PERFECT!

I hardly played an actual match or round of wrestling with the character I made, but my brother promised not to delete her and gave me updates on her sometimes. Basically the reports were the fact that she used some crazy stunt I never heard of and sometimes she won, and sometimes she lost. It was so comforting to know that she sometimes won, because I wasn't sure how fortunate she'd be with the percentage of qualities I gave her.

So even now in college I evaluate people with that sort

of knowledge. "Oh him, he's so strong with math, but he can't spell worth anything," I even use this logic on myself.

It's surprising that my talking has gotten me into so much trouble and drama both here and at home. It may be even more of a surprise to many that this big over-opinionated mouth of mine is responsible for five out of the six scholarships I got, not including the ones from this school. It's also responsible for much of the kudos I get from my teachers who love to hear the way I think and what I have to say. So it does pay off being myself and talking too much even though it brings severe drama every once in a while. Luckily most

of my dramas only last a few days to a week before moving on to another area of my life, and though that one area may really suck, ALL the other areas are AWESOME!

I think I am still maturing like a lot of people and am working on the timing now.

Application- While we're all growing and adjusting to using our talents not as weapons, but as techniques, I think it would be super-beneficial for us all not to judge or to take things personally. Nobody has 100% of everything together. This week, try looking past a flaw of a friend and towards why they did what they did, and see if there's any room for a mini-lesson or an opportunity to help.

Getting back to the basics

Robert Patton
Critic Staff

Americans are faced with some very serious problems. Our country is at war with two other nations and we are at risk of war with at least two more.

Everyone seems to agree that our healthcare systems are in need of repair. A trip to the emergency room for an uninsured patient can easily cost thousands of dollars for a relatively trivial ailment.

We're spending trillions on wars, bailouts, and economic stimulus programs and unemployment is still climbing. And this is money we don't even have.

We say that we live in the freest country on Earth and yet one out of a hundred Americans is in the care of the criminal justice system. The most vile dictatorships in the world do not incarcerate as great a percentage of their citizens as we do.

We've been making war on drugs since the sixties and there is no end in sight.

Most of us shrug indifferently when asked how we feel about the mess we're in. "What can we do? These are big problems that are the government's responsibility. Hey that's why we vote, isn't it?"

The trouble is that for every one of these problems, the government's solution is to spend more money. And

it's *our* money that they're spending. For every dollar that Americans earn, our state, local and federal governments are spending about 30¢. For the shrinking part of the population that has a job, the first 110 days of every year are spent working for the government. When we were kids, most of us had a word that we used all the time: "Why?" But we don't hear this word very often any more and few of us use it much. The worst of it is that our elected representatives have also forgotten to ask "Why?"

Congress has just passed a mammoth health insurance bill. If you have nothing better to do, you can look at it online. I said "look" because you're not likely to read a 2500-page document. You can be quite sure that none of your elected representatives read it. And no one person could have written it. It's far too complex. Is it a good law? I have no idea, but 219 congressmen think it is although they haven't read it either. The law was created in response to one of the problems I listed above. The cost of medical care has gone through the roof and there is no end in sight. At the same time, just seeing a doctor has become an incredibly complex process. Get sick and call your doctor and he will probably tell you to go to the emergency room. Doctors

have no time to deal with emergencies. Their appointment books are usually full for weeks or even months ahead.

For many years we've seen the healthcare problem growing. Sixty years ago the price of an excellent dinner for two in a fine restaurant was about \$25. That was also the cost of a night's stay in a big city hospital. Now the hospital bed is 100 times as expensive, but \$2500 dinners for two are only found at political fundraising dinners.

The question we should be asking is: "Why?" Instead we accept the ridiculous costs of healthcare and limit the debate to who should pick up the tab. Does this newly passed legislation in any way address the question "Why?" I don't think so. Rather than reducing costs, taxpayers will be coughing up nearly a trillion dollars over the next ten years. And that's if the government's estimates are correct. Does anyone think that the drug companies, the HMOs, the for-profit hospitals are going to give up any profits? Get real. They need those profits to pay lobbyists and contribute to the campaigns of legislators that play ball. I sincerely hope that I'm wrong, but the possibility of much good coming out of a 2500-page law that no one really understands does not seem promising.

Letter to the Editor: Naming ASAC

To the editor:

A few weeks ago, I objected for a second time to the administration's attempts to sell the naming rights to our new Academic and Student Activities Center. I suggested that an interested student of local history might investigate how the other buildings on campus were named and if any money had ever changed hands in the selection process. Since no one has come forward with the information, I will share what I know. When the original T.N. Vail mansion was torn down and the core campus built in the early 1970s, our very own professor of history Graham Newell was asked to help out. He recommended naming buildings after several important persons in Vermont history (e.g., Harvey, Poland, Stannard, Vail, Wheelock). In fact, the only "person" buildings on campus that he did not name are the Rita L. Bole Center (athletics) and the Rita L. Bole Complex. I'm not sure who proposed that the athletic center be named after LSC's first and longest serving president, but when it came time to name our newest dorm, a rather unimaginative Campus Planning Committee and administration solicited suggestions from members of the campus community, and then recommended the safest of choices. The result reminds me of a

Vermont character's signature laugh line from an old TV sitcom: "This is my brother Darryl and this is my other brother Darryl." (I had nominated Governor Madeleine May Kunin, a truly good chief executive and friend of the Vermont State Colleges. She was also Vermont's first female governor and, I believe, our first refugee/immigrant governor.) To my knowledge, no money has ever changed hands in the naming of our campus buildings but, of course, the process has changed. So, if someone out there has three million dollars and wants to honor LSC's first president again, we could end up with the Rita L. Bole Academic and Student Activities Center, the Rita L. Bole Center and the Rita L. Bole Complex. If I had three million dollars burning a hole in my pocket, I'd nominate Governor Kunin.....again. The Madeleine May Kunin Academic and Student Activities Center has a nice historic ring to it, don't you think? One can almost hear reverberations of duty – honor – (adopted) country. Now, if I could only find a way to add the "KA-CHING" that big money makes.....

Sincerely
Timothy Miles Sturm, Ph. D.
professor of education and
special education

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Whether by airways or roadways, travel seems to be the name of the game

"I am going to the Dominican to lay on the beach and get a tan!"

Rebecca Allen,
sophomore
elementary education



"I am going to visit my best friend in Virginia."

Lindsey Fitch
sophomore
early childhood development
and elementary education

Photos and interviews by Christine Slater



"I am going down to New Jersey to visit my best friend. We're going to do some house hunting on the shore for Memorial Day weekend."

Dan Haycook
sophomore
social science and secondary education

"Me and two of my girlfriends are driving down to Panama City Florida. It's our senior year so we figured it's about time for a road trip."

Kasey Cushman
senior
human services



"Road trip! East coast baby!"



Robert Huyler
senior
pre-professional physical therapy



"I'm not completely sure but I may road trip to Ohio with some friends to check out the music scene there."

Michelle Kaczmarek
sophomore
social science

"I am participating in Alexandre Strokanov's trip to Europe. I get to experience the European culture and have some fun at the same time. It should be a good time; I need a little cultural diversity in my life."

Matthew Goldstein
senior
graphic design



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Many of the employers have hosted LSC interns.

Rugby's Snow Bowl, minus the snow



Snow Bowl Quick Hits:

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Teams: 9
Overall Men's Winner:
Vermont Tech
Overall Women's Winner:
University of Maine Farm-
ington
LSC Men's Record: 3 wins,
1 loss
LSC Women's Record: 2
wins, 1 loss



Riddled with rookies and returners

Sam Monroe
Managing Editor

Last season ended in disappointment for the Lyndon State College men's tennis team as it was defeated 8-1 by Thomas College in the North Atlantic Conference semi-finals.

This season is already a different story for the Hornets who have opened the season with a 1-1 record so far after suffering a loss to Castleton State and getting a little retribution from Thomas with an 8-1 win.

"It is always tough to go that far and play well," said second year coach Geoff Davison of the trip to Thomas College, "but we pasted them."

According to Davison, the team is good enough to

play for a conference title.

"We expect to be in the championship game," he said.

These may be high expectations for a team that returns less than half of last years roster to the court for the 2010 season. The team has three players returning from last season; Paul Thibault, Jeremiah Powell and Jimmy Gaskell.

The Hornets will also be bolstered by the return of senior Chris Shadrock and senior Matt Lenters. Both Shadrock and Lenters did not play last season.

The Hornets are also stronger this year with the addition of two freshmen. Teddy Fournier and Mike Howard have come to the team and earned the number one and number two spots.

The duo also serves as the number one doubles pair for the team.

Fournier was named the NAC rookie of the week after his performance at Thomas College. He has also yet to be handed a defeat on the season.

"I am really pleased with the strength of the squad," said Davison.

The Hornets will play their first home match April 3 at the Dudley Bell Tennis Center located near the alumni house on campus.



Freshman Teddy Fournier, NAC rookie of the week practices his serve while freshman Mike Howard prepares for the return.



Sophomore leftfielder Michelle Wilcox practices bunting in the cage.



Two losses, one more captain

Sebastian C. Lury
Sports Editor

The softball team has spent the week gaining knowledge from their losses last weekend.

"We definitely need to improve on our pitching and our fielding skills," said head coach Jennifer Kirchoff. "There's a lot of mistakes that happened, a lot of errors at the plate, easy errors that shouldn't have happened."

The weekend wasn't all bad as the team did some things well.

"We did well strategy-wise on the bases," said Kirchoff. "We still have a lot to learn but also we contacted the ball. We swung at the ball. We were aggressive at the plate; maybe too aggressive at the plate."

"The communication and motivation was really good. I think we just made simple mistakes that we're trying to work out this week," said co-captain Kathy Kline, a junior centerfielder. "Some of the mistakes like fielding, grounding the ball, stuff like that, I think we can work those out. We really need to work on our offense."

According to Kline and Kirchoff, one of the downfalls to practice this week is that they will be held in Standard Gymnasium.

"[We're] trying to get out on the field again, trying to work on the dirt instead of inside the gym because it's really hard to field the ball on two different [surfaces]," said Kline.

"Considering we'll be inside again all week, we're going to be doing some fielding. It is completely different when you get outside because of the dirt and here there's nasty bounces that take place on the floor, but we're going to be doing a lot of fielding and hitting," said Kirchoff. "We are doing a little bit of changing, focusing on certain mistakes that happened: pop flies, diving for the ball, and just being able to get the ball first before they react anywhere else. You have to make sure that ball is in your glove before you react."

Another thing the team gained last weekend was a second captain as junior shortstop/pitcher Natalia Shams was named to the roll.

"I'm definitely excited to see a leader on the team and that they see in me a leader," said Shams. "I'm really excited to be a leader on the team and that they see in me a leader."

"I'm really happy about it," said Kline. "I was hoping it would be her. She's a really good leader. It should work out really good."

Kirchoff says the choice to name Shams as the second captain was due in part to her relationship with the rest of the team.

"She is a third year player for me and she has a good skill of communication with the ladies on the team," said Kirchoff. "She's just an overall great athlete and a lot of the ladies look up to her."

Shams sees this weekend as a warm-up for the rest of the season.

"This weekend was kind of like a get all the nerves out weekend because it's mostly all freshman on the team. I think as the season goes on we'll get a lot better," she said.

She also sees the team's ability to talk to each other on the field as a positive.

"I think communication is big for us and trying to know what's happening and going on," said Shams. "Other than that, we have everything to be a very good team. It's just a matter of being all together. That first game was kind of just being on the field for the first time and we were somewhere where it was warm. I think we'll be fine."

Kirchoff said that she noticed the team's communication, spirit and eagerness during the losses last weekend.

"They stayed up through both games even though they were down by a lot of runs," she said. "They were motivated. They still wanted to learn. They still were asking questions throughout the game."

The team will play two double-headers this weekend, first in Connecticut tomorrow, then in Massachusetts on Sunday.

What is your opinion on the health care reform?

Photos and interviews by Gwen Cook



I don't know what everyone is mad about- I love my state-funded health care. Thanks Vermont.

Steve Cormier
Senior, Journalism



It's a good idea but people are going to abuse it.

Nora Jones
Graduate student, Secondary Education



Hope it works.

Jesse Murray
Freshman, PE and Physical Therapy



Good step in the right direction but a lot more work needs to be done.

Pat Shine
Human Services Associate Professor



It's a good idea. Everyone should be entitled.

Mike Norcross
Junior, Environmental Science



I think it's a good idea but if someone less fortunate can't afford it, I don't want to see my rates go up.

Ryan Longe
Sophomore, Business



Long overdue. I'm very hopeful that every person will have access to adequate health care. It is a monumental step forward and a major gain for the Obama administration. However, I think it will put a disproportionate amount of pressure on employers in spite of the tax breaks.

Peggy Sherrer
Psychology Professor



I was against it originally but now I'm undecided. I just don't know enough about it.

Steve Breault
Senior, Meteorology



It's a good reform if it works out the way it's supposed to.

Gabrielle Mathewson
Freshman, Elementary Education



It's just covering up for the real issues and real problem. It's a temporary solution.

Isaac Tanney
Sophomore, Music Business and Industry



They Wandered, Part Two

by Patrick Carr

Jack and Adan carry Isabella to an abandoned building about two miles away from the spot. Adan holds the legs, Jack the head. Once inside the mostly demolished adobe office, they take care in laying Isabella on top of a desk. Jack pushes aside a computer terminal to the floor.

"I don't think I can do this any more," Jack says.

"What?"

"I don't think I can do this any more," Jack repeats.

"I heard you, I just don't understand what you mean."

"Why?" Jack asks.

"Why what?"

"Why are we doing this?" Jack asks.

"To live."

"We can't define life," Jack points.

"No, that's a misconception. Life is very definable. It requires DNA, it requires consumption..." Jack interrupts.

"What's life if there is nothing behind it?"

"No, there is no more to life than living, the rest is the bullshit that gets in the way."

"Why should we live then?" Jack asks.

"Why?!"

"If there is nothing to live for..." Jack gets interrupted.

"No, see that is why we're here, that's what makes humanity so weak, the need for something behind it."

"Then why stop the end?" Jack asks.

"No...what?"

"Death is the end result of life, if there is no need to live then why do it?" Jack asks.

"..."

Jack gets up.

"Where are you going?"

"Somewhere else," Jack said.

"Are you coming back?"

"I don't know if I can do this anymore with no why," Jack states.

With that Jack wandered off.

Isabella was there once again, just as she had been. No promises would be made to Jack, for they couldn't be made. Evelyn would be there, for the second time. Adan won't ever leave, because he couldn't

Photo- "Time To Go" by Eric Wayne

The Machine

by J. L. Rossi

the answering machine.

fumbled

in

twilight

it is a woman!

in sheets, a message between her legs
these nocturnal summons duly
recorded

would-be presents, gifts of flesh
once used, erased
or held for evidence
fingers can caress forward
or back

but always
you must listen, held still
decoded

it must have been a man
who invented this thing
this woman-machine, who records
who waits, who resides, who is
but forever bought

prodded
censured
this halfling
this bloodfleshmetal thing
who will never leave home
but hears the transmissible wail of
ages

Matthew 10:32

by Arianna Millington

Why must you wear that thing,

That symbol around your neck,

In public?

I'm not against you,

I mean,

I believe there's something out there,

But why wear it on you?

To offend people not like you?

Don't you know how many arguments
this thing causes?

You know other countries have wars
over this?

Do you even care?

Look, I'm just saying,

I don't think you should wear it publi-
cally.

It's not professional.

Just not in public, ok?

Ok?

Don't Forget Me

by Karen Sague

If I ever leave,

Don't forget me.

If I'm gone

Don't forget me.

Always take my memory

wherever you go.

Your best friend.

Your buddy.

Companion.

Pal.

If I go away forever and I
never see you again

Don't forget me.

Take my picture

Take my favorite book.

Take my lucky pom-pom
socks.

But please don't forget me.

Because even if you do,

I won't forget you.

THE VOTES FOR THE SENIOR CLASS GIFT HAVE BEEN TALLIED - HERE ARE YOUR RESULTS!

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2. Class of 2010 cash scholarship for an incoming freshman (need-based). (14 votes)
3. Ben & Jerry's ice cream party for freshmen class during Orientation. (4 votes)
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Relationship 101:

Avoid silly spring flings this spring break

Miss Ball and Chain and
Miss Newly Taken
Critic Columnists

Spring break is just around the corner, and most people associate this as the time for big celebrations and excessive partying. You may fall into this category, or you may prefer to spend your spring break relaxing at home. Either way, let your romantic affairs play a significant factor in what you do—even if you may be spending some time away from them.

If you are planning a trip with your friends, make sure that you are in control of your actions. If you are single, there is absolutely nothing wrong with having fun and flirting a little, or showing off your dance moves for free drinks so long as you don't do anything too crazy that you are likely to regret later. If you are taken, as we are, there is certainly nothing wrong with having fun as long as you don't overstep your boundaries with members of the opposite sex. (Look but don't touch). Don't do anything to jeopardize your stable relationship and risk losing the one that you love. Any "spring fling" opportunities that you may encounter will not be worth it, and will likely cause you to get hurt in one way

or another. Of course, if you are truly happy in your relationship and in love with the one you are with, then this should not be a problem for you.

If you are planning to spend a quiet week at home with your family



(and apart from your significant other), then remember the cliché that "absence makes the heart grow fonder" (this works if you are on vacation too). If you have to spend time apart from the one you love, then try to make the best of your alone time. It is possible that this time apart could actually be beneficial to your relationship, as it will make you value the time that you do have together and appreciate each other's company

more when you are reunited after break. Sure, there is no doubt that you will miss each other, but remember that it is only a week, and you will be able to keep in contact with each other through means of technology. (Think of

two of you are apart.

On the other hand, if you are planning on spending the week with your significant other, then cherish the time that you will have together away from the stress of school. Take this opportunity to spend some quality time together and have some fun. You don't have to do anything extravagant to have a good time, just enjoy each other's company. If nothing else, this time could be used to get to know your partner on a more intimate level (and no, I don't mean by having lots of sex). If you choose to go on vacation together and participate in any crazy spring break activities, have fun, but take care of each other. We would really hate to see anything happen to you or your relationship.

Regardless of what you may have planned for your spring break, remember to take some time to have fun and relax; whether it be with your family or with your love. Even if you are apart, remember to keep your relationship in mind and still find time to appreciate the one that you love. Don't do anything too crazy, and avoid silly "spring flings." They just aren't worth it. Until next time....

Movies playing locally
Mar. 26- Apr. 2, 2010

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Rated R

Youth in Revolt
90 minutes
Rated R

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Rated PG-13

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98 minutes
Rated PG

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Rated PG

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98 minutes
Rated PG

What's coming up at LSC?

Saturday, Mar. 26:

Bus trip to Montreal- 9 a.m.

Monday, Mar. 27:

ZUMBA. 12-1 p.m.- ASAC 100

"Show Us Your Cans" music show

7:30 p.m.- ASAC 100

Through the generosity of Professors Richard and Terry Portner, an endowment has been created that offers recognition of consistent interest and achievement in the Fine and Performing Arts at LSC. This may include course work, community service, internships, and extra-curricular participation in the disciplines of Music, Art, and/or Theater.

The Portner Prize is offered to **Juniors** and includes a cash award that may be used as the student chooses. To be considered for the prize, students will

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- prepare a brief explanation of why the Fine & Performing Arts are important to self, community, curriculum, etc.
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The Portner Prize Committee will adjudicate the submissions and will recommend the strongest candidate.

Please send your cover letters and materials to Pat Webster at the Samuel Read Hall Library or electronically in an attachment to patricia.webster@lyn-donstate.edu. The deadline is **April 23, 2010**.

Movie review:

The Blindside impresses audiences

Aimee Lawton
Entertainment Editor

For anyone who may have missed the chance to see *The Blindside* on campus last week, I suggest that it move to the top of your Netflix picks now that it has been released on video.

Whether or not you are a football fan, you are sure to enjoy this heartwarming film. Based on a true story set in Tennessee, it tells the story of Michael Oher ("Big Mike"), a 2009 draft pick for the Baltimore Ravens.

Oher, played by Quinton Aaron, is a poor homeless orphan who was forced to leave his mother and old life behind in search of something new. He is bullied for his large stature and poor performance in school, and is looked down upon by both his teachers and peers who treat him inadequately. He spends his days sitting silently in the classroom, un-

able to comprehend what is verbally being taught to him. His nights are spent roaming the streets when not sitting in a laundromat washing his one extra t-shirt, or cleaning up the school gym after sports events. His life is changed when Leigh Anne and Sean Tuohy, played by Sandra Bullock and Tim McGraw take him in to their home and welcome him in to their family.

After settling in to the Tuohy home and his new life, Michael's self-esteem is lifted, causing him to perform better in school (with special accommodations from his teachers) and feel better about himself overall. During this time, he also learns to put his large stature to good use when he discovers his natural talent for football. This makes Michael a shoe-in for his high school football team and, with the help of his

younger brother SJ, a shoe-in for countless college drafts as well. Michael encounters several hardships along his winding road to success, but is able to get through them with the help and support of his new family.

There is so much more to the plot, but I don't want to give anything else away. Everyone should really take the opportunity to see this movie; it touched my life and hope that it will have a similar effect on yours.

The Blindside is definitely high on the list of new movies that I have seen. The actors and actresses did a beautiful job in the portrayal of this real-life story, combining elements of drama and humor to the plot. Overall, I consider *The Blindside* to be a fantastic movie, and one that I certainly plan to add to my personal collection.

Cooking with Cook:

Sandwiches for stressful days



Gwen Cook
Critic Staff

Maybe it's just me but school is getting very stressful very quickly. I can't seem to make enough hours in the day to get my stuff done. Usually I try to make time to cook when I'm feeling particularly overwhelmed, but I don't even have time for that anymore. About all I can manage now is a quick sandwich to pick up my feet for a moment before reality forces its way back in. Just because it's a sandwich doesn't mean it has to be the same old PB and J though.

Open face turkey sandwich

2 slices of bread
4 slices of turkey
½ cup of gravy
1 tbsp butter

Directions-

Toast the bread and spread butter on the slices after. Layer the turkey with the bread making sure

there is turkey on top. Heat up the gravy and pour over the bread. Serve with veggies on the side.

Peanut butter fluff and cinnamon toast crunch sandwich

Peanut butter
Fluff
2 slices of bread
¼ cup cinnamon toast crunch

Directions-

Spread peanut butter on both slices of bread. Smear fluff on one of the slices of bread. Sprinkle the cereal evenly on top of the fluff and top with the other slice of bread.

Cracker parmesan chicken sandwich

1 cup of wheat thins, crushed
1 cup of parmesan cheese
1 pound of chicken, cut into

slices

2 egg whites
2 slices of bread
2 thick slices of tomato
ranch dressing
1 slice of cheddar cheese

Directions-

Preheat the oven to 355 degrees. In a bowl, fluff the egg whites with a fork. In a separate bowl, combine the crackers and the parmesan cheese. Dip the chicken slices in the egg and then the cracker mixture and place on a cookie sheet. Bake for 25-30 minutes or until no longer pink. Spread ranch dressing on the bread slices. Add the cooked chicken and top with cheese and tomato.

Local restaurants feature wide varieties of food

Michelle Berry
News Correspondent

Whether you like exotic foods from different cultures or a good old American-style pizza joint, Lyndonville and the surrounding areas are full of choices.

The Valley View restaurant by the intersection to interstate 114 in Lyndonville is a great place to go for food and drinks, especially on a Monday night when Lyndon State College students can get 10 percent off of their bill. You have a wide selection of choices from rare buffalo burgers to a steak dinner and the bar is abundant with a variety of beers and mixed drinks. While you sit at the

bar, you can also watch a sports game or a range of television shows on a large flatscreen.

Michelle French, senior graphic design major, works at Valley View but also loves what the restaurant has to offer.

"It's a great place to eat good food and drink good beer," she said.

Another place to go for great deals for college students, as well as good food and drinks, and a comfortable atmosphere is The Pub Outback in East Burke. The Pub is located behind the old Bailey's and Burke store in the center of town and Monday night is the prime night for LSC students because

they have 25 cent boneless buffalo wings and \$2 Bud Light drafts, in addition to their regular menu ranging from delicious salads and wraps, to fresh seafood platters.

"I personally think of the Pub Outback in East Burke as a great girl's night out place or a place to go with your friends have a few drinks and some appetizers. Their 'Broccoli to Love' is to die for if you like cheese," said Emilie Lariviere, LSC junior majoring in business, when asked where she would prefer to eat most.

Other great places to enjoy similar dishes and good drink choices at a reasonable price include: Vinny's Sports

Bar at the edge of Lyndonville and St. Johnsbury, Hoagie's by White's Plaza in Lyndonville, The House of Pizza in Lyndonville or The Pizza Man in the center of town.

But what if you prefer something a little more exotic? Lyndonville is home to two great Chinese restaurants. Asia Restaurant has wide selection of Madarin, Szechuan and Cantonese dishes that will leave you full when you depart and often a doggy bag of leftovers that will be great later on.

"They have very fun cocktails and good prices too," said Lariviere.

China Moon is also a great option with their "All You Can Eat" buffet.

How about something a little more south of the border?

Café Sweet Basil has a very upbeat but relaxing atmosphere. Located on Main St. in Lyndonville, they serve Mexican style dishes and host live music a few nights of the week.

"They have a little bit of everything; salads, fajitas, chicken, and a new special everyday. Also, they use really fresh ingredients which is a big plus," said Emma Shattuck, sophomore social sciences and global studies major.

If you have recently attended an event and would like to submit a review, or if you know of any local events going on, e-mail

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Summer internships: can you afford one?

Madison Cox
News Editor

According to Lyndon State College's website, the school is about 'experiential education', but it fails to mention just how much that experience will hit your checkbook.

Yes, I'm talking about the summer internship: the part of your education here at LSC that will give you experiences and connections to start your careers off the right way. The benefits of participating in an internship are fairly obvious; meeting people and working in the field you are specifically interested in will give you an idea of what life will be like after graduation. Internships provide a glimpse into real life that sitting in a classroom just can't compete with.

In order to receive college credit for a summer internship, students at LSC will be charged per credit, which is similar to taking a class on campus over the summer. The rates per credit are \$333 if you're an in-state student, \$718 for out-of-state, and \$499 if you qualify for the NEHBE Good Neighbor program. It's not cheap.

I am an out-of-state junior with a lot of college debt on my shoulders. I had no idea until this semester that in order to get the experience our college brags about, I'd have to empty my bank account this summer. The typical internship garners 1-3 credits. Do you have an extra \$999-\$2154 sitting around? I know I don't, and that's why I've decided to work for a local paper over the summer, but only for experience, not credit. I cannot afford to pay our college for an unpaid job this summer.

Director of Career Services Linda Wacholder suggests that students struggling to afford internships should look for paid ones.



Illustration by Eric Wayne

"They are out there," she said.

She encourages students to look at a variety of websites for internship and employment opportunities in the summer. Some are paid, and some are not.

Vbsr.org is all about the Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility, and offers paid internships that can be applied for directly online. Coolworks.com features a variety of jobs for people who enjoy working outdoors.

Usajobs.gov is for students who wish to work for the federal government over the summer. Wacholder said that students who work with this organization are likely to be rehired each summer, and have an easier time applying for government jobs after graduating college. Studentjobs.gov is another website that features paid and unpaid opportunities.

Orion.com has a lot of job offers that involve community service and sustainability information.

Wacholder suggests that students who cannot pay for internship credit meet with their advisors to decide whether he or she needs the credit to graduate. She said it

is possible to work for an organization related to what you're majoring in without getting college credit, but instead experience and the ability to put it on your resume.

Career services is a great place to get help with resumes, job searches, and other career-boosting tools, and students are encouraged to set up a meeting with Wacholder.

I am unhappy with the internship policy at Lyndon State College, and I'm sure there are others like me. The majority of students here work in addition to taking classes to help cover the costs of tuition. By asking us to pay more money in the summer to the school in order to receive credits for an internship, the administration is putting us more in debt. Since most internships are unpaid, we are paying money in order to work. This is unacceptable in my opinion.

So instead of paying LSC for credits that are completely earned by ourselves (without the use of any college facilities, mind you), I encourage other people in similar situations to mine to beat the system. Work for experience, not credit, and save your pennies.



Photo by Sam Monroe

Avery Marcotte and Michael Smith from the St. Paul's School show off their science fair project. The science fair was co-hosted by the AMS/NWA club and Sigma Zeta. It was held in the Standard Gymnasium on Lyndon's campus on March 19. Log onto lyndonstatecritic.com for more photos.

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Students and faculty frustrated by cancelled classes

Reporting by Ben Holbrook
and Sam Monroe
Critic Editors

Students and faculty are scrambling to fix schedules in the wake of class cuts made by the administration.

David Johnston, professor of philosophy and film studies and faculty federation chapter chair, voiced concerns with the handling of the class cancellations by the administration. "Cuts were made before department chairs and other faculty members were consulted about the particular courses that were targeted for cancellation," said Johnston. The driving factor behind the choice to cancel classes stem from a deficit the school will be facing for the 2010-2011 academic year.

In a letter to students, President Moore urges students to continue focusing on their academics. Moore reassured students that consolidating classes this early will allow them plenty of time to meet with their advisers and make the necessary changes. The problem, as Johnston notes, is a negative impact on students who need to reschedule without knowing how to resched-

ule.

Student anxiety is another issue that raises concerns for Johnston, "because all the cuts haven't yet been determined, it's adding to the anxiety of students," he said. Cutting a class isn't simply a matter of removing it from the schedule. "There are a multitude of variables that go into deciding what courses make sense to cut, and we need to be very careful in making those decisions," Johnston said.

LSC student are worried about not being able to take classes that are required for their major.

Jaime Gibson, a junior English and secondary education major, worries that her Methods of Teaching Secondary Education course, which is required for her licensure as a teacher, will be cancelled as only two students are currently enrolled in the course. The course typically has a small enrollment due to a smaller number of students with a focus in secondary education and English, Gibson said.

Even though the course hasn't been cancelled as of today, Gibson is still concerned about how she will get her li-

censure if the class isn't available. "I'll have to find another way to take it, either by taking it another semester, or doing an independent study," Gibson said. "I have to take it, but I don't want to have to stay here another year," says Gibson.

Ryan Longe, sophomore business major, is unhappy about a course he was enrolled in that has switched to an online course. "I think it's unfortunate for me because I was told from a former student to take the in class section and now it's switched to online only. It takes away from interacting with professors."

Gibson is confident Lyndon will allow her to take the course, as it is required for her major, but feels cutting classes from the schedule, "is not fair, and they shouldn't cancel these classes that people need just to save money."

Current students aren't the only ones the class cancellations could affect as one professor points out.

Tim Sturm, professor of education and special education, weighed in on the implications of cutting classes, especially in regards to transfer students.

"The college didn't talk to

the departments about its concerns and didn't ask which courses should be dropped," said Sturm. "I think this is a poor way to plan." Sturm is very concerned about transfer students for next fall. He stressed that Lyndon has a rolling admission and many students will not register until August. With some of the class cancellations those students will not be able to enroll in required classes. Sturm sees two options for those students: 1) they increase their years at LSC or 2) The college reinstates the classes.

Sturm also has personal concerns, although he stressed his main concern is for his students. Sturm has had eight credits cut from his teaching schedule in the fall and is now down to just six credits.

His biggest concern is that the college is shutting down courses that students will need to take in order to graduate.

"Things are going to fall like dominos," said Sturm. "Some students will be forced to take heavier loads."

"If there is a crisis, this is not good crisis management," Sturm said. "This has just fanned the flames of anxiety."

Dean Donna Dalton and

Dean John Kascenska were not available for comment at the time of publication.

Johnston cautioned that class cancellations have only gone through the first round and students should expect more cancellations.

Tuition up 3%

The Vermont State College Board of Trustees held a meeting Thursday at Johnson State College to vote on the tuition increases.

It was finalized at the meeting that the tuition for LSC will indeed be on the rise. Two motions were made, one for a three percent increase and one for a five percent increase. The three percent increase was passed meaning LSC students will see a three percent increase in their tuition expense for the 2010-2011 school year.

It was also decided that there would not be a raise in the professional development fee for certain majors. Current SGA Vice President, Tim Cappalli was named as the VSCSA Chairman for the 2010-2011 school year.

New SGA executive board offers experience, new ideas

Sam Monroe
Managing Editor

The Student Government Association will have a new executive board for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Only one member of the current board will be on the new one. John Kleinhans, a sophomore electronic journalism arts major, will assume control of the presidential seat. Rachel Keller, a sophomore human services major, will be vice president. Miranda Bushey, a junior accounting major, will be the treasurer, and Chris Shadrock, a junior electronic journalism

arts major, will be the secretary.

Kleinhans is the current SGA secretary. During his freshman year, he served as a first-year elected representative before receiving the executive board position.

"I am very excited and thankful for all of the support throughout the election process," said Keller who is currently serving the SGA as a second-year elected representative. She was a first-year representative her freshman year at Lyndon.

"I am really excited and ready to implement the ideas that John and I have worked

on over the past couple of months," Keller said.

Shadrock is currently a fourth-year elected representative and has been a part of the SGA since he transferred to Lyndon in the fall of 2007.

Bushey is the only new member who lacks SGA experience. Three of the four executive board positions require prior SGA experience; treasurer is the one position that does not. He or she must be an accounting major nominated by the business department. Liane Carson is the current treasurer and she will graduate in May. She has held the position for the past two

years.

Stepping down as president will be a junior business administration major Andrew Chapin, who wished his successor good luck, writing "Congratulations and good luck," on Kleinhans' Facebook wall.

The election numbers were not released and each contestant ran unopposed. Although Chapin and his current vice president, Tim Cappalli, filled out petitions before the deadline and started a campaign group on Facebook both dropped out of the race on March 31 (see Gwen Cook's article on page

6 for more details).

A few days before the election, a new Facebook group surfaced. A group called "SGA- Write in Chapin and Cappalli" surfaced on April 17 and had 29 members by the election date. The "Chapin Cappalli 2010" group had 147 members in the group before the announcement was made.

Kleinhans and Keller also created a Facebook group to help garner support. Before the election, the group had 387 fans.

The names of the write-in candidates were not released per SGA policy.



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Earth Day celebration



LSC student Chris Mullen participate in 'LSC gets trashed' one of the many events that took place during the Earth Day celebration at Lyndon State College on Thursday. For more on Earth Day log on lyndonstatecritic.com
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Pines to Palms: Moose Knuckle's trip into the Alien-Nation

Not long ago, certainly in another world, three employees of an *American* consulate in El Paso del Norte, Mexico had their lives taken from them and there was a big ado, how many *Mexicans* have been murdered on American soil followed by nothing.

El Paso, Texas – pushing 80 on 10 the city felt besieged and alien with anxiety, southern border towns no place for virgin wanderers stretched thin across the continent. Memories in notebooks replaced days while staring out across burned and burdened desert lands: hired militants in black and green who never forgot the Alamo skewering the wastes for... something, something.

Safety an hour or two north we guessed, though nothing would help the madness that had taken to our minds – temporary fear (I hoped). Bella remained short, shortness from her fear of this frontier Law and its shortness with all. It was one short-ass-shit situation where rumors blew in like gusts, eroding certain unalienable rights in the land of monumental mesas and Mexican migration.

New signs read "Truth or Consequences" – an unnatural New Mexican oasis in the hard rocks; a government town with the namesake of a timeworn sitcom; a trap of high taxes and higher temperatures, reality television in the



New Mexico... or Mars?

American desert where those who spent thrived and those who didn't died: "Why not cool off in our Wal-Mart?" was their mirage.

As Bella got the keys and I her panting dog we silently escaped the heat, our snow-white complexions refusing to melt – another single-serving rest at Motel 8. The silence grew and grew; Bella's over roaming lawlessness; mine over the bad vibes; the town's over all the absurdity – how those Fields of Exhaustion sowed an excellent bloom of muteness; their unique fertilizers melded from our personal ware and their communal wars.

East-coast time raised us earlier and earlier each day, sooner than likely safe. Odd desert-morning winds cooled us under the bright but waning stars as we packed up. The sun came and its dominating nature illuminated the strange lands not of this world. *This is Martian*, I

thought to myself, *no growth to think of, all the colors of rust an arid landscape can offer after Genesis dispels into desert.* This was our route.

Orange cones suddenly whirled past, their warning slowly closing the left lane, then the right, forcing all traffic off the highway and straight into full-blown-panic: no choice. I gripped my seat and thought we could run their trap; I hoped for the best. A quick gun battle would have ensured quicker death as bullets rained sideways, quickly taking out the enemies of Border Patrol.

The ride eased into the inspection checkpoint and our hearts throbbed in my throat – Bella looked calm, I choked for both of us. Total invasiveness was the new norm; all stopped and all tactics employed. If the distant red rocks offered freedom and fresh air – the uniformed dog some twenty feet off barked, howled and grimaced on the

end of a short leash – I looked out from our incredibly short rope and tried to breathe it in.

Had ancient Martian brothers of Earthlings once hunted for their own aliens, illegal migrations penetrating the shifting borders of their shifting planet? Had the armed services of the green men and their prowling beasts lined the busy byways of a now dead planet; a burned out and rusted ball in the void of space? It seemed all so alien.

Pulled back from my thoughts our guards moved in on us – one, two, three, four. We were trapped on Earth, the New Mexican desert. My throat swelled less as the heartbeats slowed with my breath, the silence ringing.

"Have a nice day folks," the polite captain said to us after staring at our faces for a time. We moved again along the Martian surface, motioned westward in time.

No jail, no questions, no

interest – only an uppity canine cared about burnouts with Vermont plates. We laughed it and the fear off. We laughed off the Truth and Consequences of a world that was not ours.

But the fact that the coloring of our skin endeared us to the authorities of this world's most prestigious and gated community without so much as a singular demand was something we never laughed off: baseline reality. As we drove all we could think in silence was *what the fuck?*

Ado over Israeli Zionists building barriers on stolen Arab lands while nothing comes of Americans doing the same to formerly Mexican ones; nothing over the divisions and murder committed on already dead planets, mirroring the forgotten mortality of this one?

Where there was California and the forgiving Pacific?

Letter to the editor: pay for some jobs but not for all?

Dear Editor,

I read last week's Critic article about the SGA's decision to pay officers. While I do not wish to debate the decision, I do want to point out that other students in clubs deserve to be paid. The consistent publication and editing of the Critic, for example, or the many hard hours students put in at WWLR, closely resemble "real world" work that is far different than Ultimate Frisbee, or ANIME.

As a former adviser to the Critic I unsuccessfully argued that the editor and her or his assistant should be paid for the work they do. Likewise, if those students fail at their responsibilities, they should lose their positions and their pay.

In any event, if SGA wants to pay students for their work, they should open that opportunity to those students whose hard work so often goes unrecognized.

Alan Boye
Part Time English
Professor.

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RENT

Aimee Lawton
Entertainment Editor

The Alexander Twilight Players performed the Broadway musical *RENT* at Lyndon State and raised awareness of a serious issue plaguing parts of our country.

RENT is a rock opera written by Johnathan Larson based on the Giacomo Puccini opera, *La Bohème*. It tells a story of a group of impoverished young musicians and artists struggling to survive in New York's Lower East Side in the thriving days of Bohemian Alphabet City, under the shadow of AIDS.

This year's production features a cast of talented Lyndon students. Principle roles are held by Dave Daly (Mark), Caitlin Kolson (Maureen), Jenn Morin (Joanne), Sonny Edwards (Roger), Nadine Grimley (Mimi), Teddy Fournier (Angel), Noah Fink (Tom Collins), and Owen Fogg (Benny). Members of the ensemble include Issac Tanney, Kim Stacy, Ellen Sheehey, Adam Rutt, Anjel Robbins, Rich Perilli, Leani Lopez, Kelsey Jones, Dan Haycook, and Kelly Allen.

Overall, the cast put on a very entertaining show at Wednesday night's dress rehearsal. The entire cast displayed great singing

talent, though some voices are stronger than others. A few of the cast members' voices were drowned out by the musicians, and certain members of the ensemble could be heard over others. Otherwise, there were great solos from both principle and ensemble parts, good harmonizing in the group songs, and real emotions displayed by the cast surrounding the issues of their characters. The music and choreography was also well done.

The individual cast members showed great chemistry with each other on stage, which added to the show. The most emotional relationship was that of Angel and Collins, played by Teddy Fournier and Noah Fink. Their characters told a very tragic story, and really brought the issues of AIDS and homosexuality to life. In addition, Fournier's performance as a cross-dresser stole the show. His outfits were crazy and his personality lit up the stage.

Though there was not much to it, the set was also very well done. It had the feel of a rundown industrial site as it should have, and fit the location of the story. One of the things that stood out was the Christmas tree created out of large pieces of wood and decorated with

Christmas lights and items that were meant to have been found out of a dumpster, or on the street. The stage lighting was appropriate as well, though at some points it shined too much in to the audience, causing a loss of focus as to what was happening up on stage.

The purpose of bringing *RENT* to Lyndon State College was not only to wow audiences with a Broadway performance, but also to raise awareness of AIDS and other serious issues in our country. For several weeks leading up to opening night, the cast held a fundraiser where they sold red "TODAY" bracelets to raise money for the Elton John AIDS Foundation. They also wore these bracelets themselves while performing.

RENT performances will continue throughout the weekend, with shows being held tonight through Sunday at 7 p.m., with a special encore performance Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. Admissions at the door are by donation only, and the money will be used to benefit the Twilight Players and support the Elton John AIDS Foundation. This is a good opportunity for everyone to enjoy a Broadway musical while supporting a good cause.



Teddy Fournier as Angel.



(Above) Dave Daly plays Mark Cohen, and Jenn Morin plays Joanne.



Above, Dave Daly and Jenn Morin. Right, Nadine Grimley.

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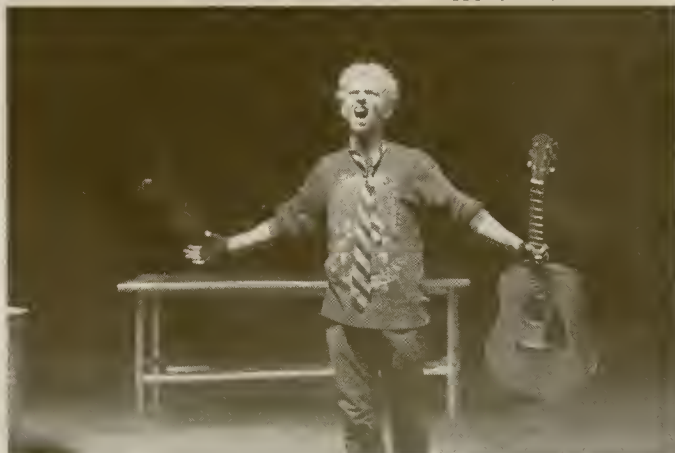
Teddy Fournier as Angel, and Noah Fink as Tom Collins.



Owen Fogg plays Benjamin Coffin III.

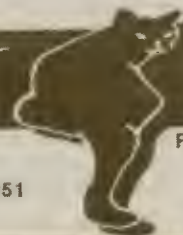


(Above) Sonny Edwards as Roger Davis, and Nadine Grimley as Mimi.



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SGA payoff: thumbs up or down?

Madison Cox
News Editor

Last week's decision by the Student Government Association's club representatives to grant \$3500 in stipends to the executive board was ill-received by many Lyndon students, and the Wednesday night meeting next week will offer them a chance to voice their concerns.

The vote to give President Andrew Chapin, Vice President Tim Cappalli, and Treasurer Liane Carson \$1000 each, and \$500 to Secretary John Kleinhans stirred up controversy on the Internet, as students took to Facebook to voice their concerns. Within days, two main groups emerged: "Students Against 'SGA' Compensation" and "Students For Executive Board Compensation".

Perhaps the most vocal opponent of the stipend, freshman Justin Chenette has launched an online cam-

paign to reverse the decision, which is ultimately approved or denied by SGA adviser Stephanie Tyler and Associate Dean of Student Affairs Jonathan Davis.

"The whole point of this campaign is to ensure every voice is heard and accounted for," he said in an e-mail. "This is why I brought this out into the sunshine and didn't waste my time with people who believe they can reward themselves for hard work with our money."

Chapin wants to stress the decision to ask for the stipend was entirely his, and the other members of the executive board were not involved.

"The executive board discussed it as a group a few months ago, but ultimately dismissed it. I made the request personally at the last meeting because I feel like they deserve the recognition for their efforts," he said in an e-mail. "That is something that is important to note. The request on the

agenda was from Andrew Chapin, the student, not the SGA Executive Board."

Others who support the stipend fired back at Chenette, arguing that while he was at the meeting when the vote took place, he remained silent on the issue until after it had been decided.

"My one question is why didn't you speak up during the meeting?" junior elected representative Alison Ciaramitaro wrote on Chenette's wall.

Sophomore elected representative and newly elected vice president for the 2010-2011 year Rachel Keller has also been called out on Facebook by multiple people, after she expressed support for the stipend. However, Keller said she is pleased with the amount of discussion the issue has generated.

"I think that the discussion that has been going on is great, though some have taken it too far," she said.

Despite the animosity

between supporters and those who disagree, the issue remains debatable until both Tyler and Davis reach a decision. The upcoming SGA meeting on Wednesday has been a topic

of conversation among students, and the stipend is being added to the agenda to allow for more discussion. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 21, at 8:00 p.m. in ASAC 100.

Recruitment efforts still in full swing with summer looming

Michelle Berry
Critic Staff

As we near closer to the end of April, we are increasingly seeing more changes in Lyndon State College's recruitment efforts.

The number of acceptances has climbed from 771 as of April 9, to currently over 900 and growing. This is due to the admissions staff raising their focus to waitlisted students. Some of these students are part of the 40-50 percent nationwide entering college and requiring remedial assistance in basic skill areas, such as math and writing. Since our education system in the United States does not always adequately prepare students for further education, LSC has created programs such as Gateway, Project Excel and more to harbor these students.

This allows Lyndon to accept more students in need of more experience and education in basic skill areas. "We

are accepting on a case by case basis any student who we believe can succeed here if they are provided with the appropriate pathway to success," said Patricia Krahnke, LSC Dean of Admissions and Marketing.

Deposit rates have also increased slightly since the April 9 recruitment report, from 170 deposits to over 220 to date.

Through surveys, phone calls and research within the admissions office at LSC, the staff has a clear idea of the financial concerns families are experiencing in regards to financing student education, which are creating a lag in their decision to submit deposits.

"We are receiving calls every day from families who are experiencing financial distress," said Krahnke. "Families that were financially stable last year may find themselves suddenly in a very challenged situation that is rapidly changing."

Chapin explains election drop-out

Gwen Cook
Critic Staff

There has been a lot of controversy lately surrounding Andrew Chapin and his position as Student Government Association President.

Although he and Vice President Tim Cappalli were originally running for another term, they decided to back down shortly before the elections were to take place this past week.

"There are two reasons," said Chapin in an e-mail interview. "The first is simply organization building. When Vice President Tim Cappalli and I took office two years ago, the SGA was half of the size it is today, there was no

student interest and the organization was a mess. We took over and had a new SGA adviser and very little left over from previous administration. We had to start completely from scratch.

In our two years in office, we've revived the organization and the last thing we want is for it to fall apart again. Having a year where Tim and I can be involved and serve as a resource while younger leadership takes over would be beneficial to the organization in the longer term."

When asked if he intended to drop out of the election from the beginning, Chapin replied, "No. Originally, Tim and I had concerns about John Kleinhans' ability to lead the organization and decided to seek a third term as a result. As we got further along, it became clear that our concerns were no longer valid

and we decided that a transition period would be in the best interests of the student government."

Chapin and Cappalli have decided to pursue other interests at LSC once their term is finished.

"I will seek a fourth year elected representative seat in the fall elections and will be looking to take on larger roles in a few of the clubs that I am currently involved in," says Chapin. "I know that Tim plans to seek the Vermont State College Student Association Chair position and will also seek a spot in the executive board's cabinet, as the Vice President of Communications and Outreach."

There was some interest from the student body in having Chapin and Cappalli re-elected for another term. A Facebook group was started a few days before the election to write the duo into the ballot.

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A portrait in words

Dorian McGowan

Christine Slater
Critic Staff

Dorian McGowan. Now you're probably asking yourself, "Why does that name sound so familiar?" Then here's a hint: he is the Face-of-the-

Week-guy. McGowan is a Vermont artist born and raised in Fairfax.

"The population is almost zero but there are plenty of Holsteins," McGowan joked.

He attended Catholic school where there was no counseling for aspiring artists. The nuns did not support his artistic endeavors, telling him that he would have to see naked bodies, to which McGowan responded, "Well of course I wanted to see naked bodies!"

Receiving no support from his high school, he turned to Norman Rockwell. He wrote him a letter explaining his situation and Rockwell suggested three schools: Cooper Union, The Art Students League, and Pratt Institute. Ultimately McGowan chose Pratt Institute in Brooklyn. McGowan said he "loved it there, I was terrified at first but I grew to love Brooklyn." After Pratt, McGowan went on to receive his master's degree from Columbia.

McGowan took his master's and moved with his wife to Fillmore, N.Y., where he taught high school. They later moved to Maine where he worked at a camp for boys. Then he heard about a job at LSC and moved back to Vermont.

"It's funny" McGowan said. "Dean Mars didn't like me much. He



even said if it were up to him I would have never been hired."

McGowan taught at LSC from 1959 until 2006.

McGowan prefers to do portraits to other art forms,

"I am a people person. I prefer them to landscapes. I find them intriguing."

His portraits can be seen all over this region, from the LSC theater lobby where the Face of the Week portraits hang, to Catamount Arts, and from the Cobleigh Public Library to his East Burke portrait gallery which is right outside his home.

"People are always welcome to stop in."

McGowan does a lot with the Cobleigh Library, primarily with children. He teaches printing techniques

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McGowan depicts his "Tabby Cat" in his Outside the Box show. See 10 more photos from the show online at lyndonstatecritic.com

and mask making. In the children's room you can see an entire collection of carnival animals made from paint palettes.

"At the time that I was working on that project a lot of other artists were painting on palettes so instead I kept the wood finish and manipulated the palettes to make all the different animals."

As involved as McGowan is in the Lyndon community, he still has time to care for his wife who is recovering from cancer. McGowan talked about chemotherapy and how terrible it has been on his wife, Kari.

"I spent a lot of time by her side while she was going through the treatment." As a result he has a series of portraits entitled Chemo 1, 2, 3, 4.

He said he wanted to document everything because "It's a part of life; she's beautiful and I love her very much."

McGowan said they met before he moved to Brooklyn when they were both working as elves at Santa's Village.

"We met and fell in love and have been together ever since."

McGowan's latest show was "Inside the Box." McGowan utilized old cassette cases which he used to make animals, people and abstract designs which he hung on one column in the Samuel Read Hall Library.

He will have a permanent show this summer. The show will be at Kingdom Trails.

"All of the art is made from recycled bike parts from the sports shop right there. They had an empty wall and said 'here ya go.'"

The interview concluded with McGowan doing a portrait of me which appears below my byline. My portrait was also displayed as the Face of the Week last week. As you can see he is very good at what he does. It really does look like me.



Lyndon recruits students using an invention from 1876; phones

Nick Russo
News Correspondent

The admissions department has a new plan in place to combat declining student recruitment numbers for next year; use professors.

The department has asked professors to make phone calls to accepted students in an effort to increase the chances they enroll here in the fall. Of their new plan, Patricia Krahnke, dean of admissions and marketing said "It's a great piece of the puzzle. In past years, we have sent out letters that are from professors and also have professors at our open houses and our events. This is our first year doing asking them to call students. Enrollments are down everywhere and Lyndon is no different" says Krahnke. "Something like

this may help tip the scale."

Professors are not required to comply with the admissions department's request, however Krahnke says she is very pleased with the response they have received. "There are certain professors who have always been very helpful to admissions and always step up and understand the importance of this kind of conversation," Krahnke said. "Those are the professors who we reached out to first, we thought about who in the past has been helpful and who shows enthusiasm for talking to new students. We put out a very strong plea this year and if I'm being honest, every person who we contacted has stepped up."

Lyndon has previously asked professors to attend open houses, events, and to

send letters to accepted students about the programs. Geoff Davison of the exercise science department says he thinks asking professors to call students is a great idea. "I think it's a good move for this institution" said Davison. "I come from a different higher education system in great Britain where it was routine for faculty members to do recruitment."

Davison says the exercise science department has taken the admissions request one step further and organized a phone bank for next Wednesday night in which senior students and professors will call prospective exercise science students.

Patricia Krahnke says having professors call students is as much about being personable as it is about business. "One of the things we

try to do in general because we're small is to create connections between faculty and prospective students" said Krahnke.

"It can be intimidating talking to a professor, but at the same time I think students often feel unsure or uneasy about whether or not this is the right direction for them. One of the great things about having faculty involved is they really know

their disciplines and what their departments have to offer and what kind of students do well in their programs" says Krahnke.

"Admissions really appreciates faculty's willingness to participate, it's fairly standard for most colleges to do this type of thing. Even the big universities ask professors to step up in this fashion."

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Not where our heart is: *Homefield is no advantage*

Sebastian C. Lury
Sports Editor

Our spring sports teams aren't doing as well as fans may like to see. Our baseball team has only won eight games and lost 20; the softball team has two wins and 16 losses. Lacrosse has a record of three wins and six losses. Men's tennis is the only team with a winning record at 5-4. Who do the players answer to?

The simple answer is their coaches, and the coaches answer to the athletic department and up the chain we go. But there is one body that teams should answer to who I haven't heard or seen much of this season: the fans.

When I take a test, I represent me. When I write a story, I represent *The Critic* and if I look bad, *The Critic* looks bad. When they lace up the cleats, take rackets in hand, and adorn the Lyndon uniform, they represent the school. Why aren't the fans holding the teams to a high standard?

I am not suggesting that we berate the teams for losing. I have been to games and have seen each player give everything he or she has in the game. Sometimes, you give your all and come up short. That's the way the ball bounces, but based on the games I've attended this spring, I don't see a reason they should feel obligated to try harder for their fans because their fans aren't out there for them. It's called home field advantage.

I think of places like Qwest Field, home of the Seattle Seahawks; or the

Black Hole that once was McAfee Coliseum in Oakland, home to the Raiders; and there's my personal favorite, the Fenway Faithful who rally behind their Boston Red Sox. Hell, even the home crowd at Yankee Stadium cheers, jeers, and shows passion about, toward, and for their team. It's hard to get that feeling in a Division III college setting, but we seem to lack even dominance in the stand unless there's a basketball game.

Granted, there are students who attend almost every game, but they are just a small fraction of the overall student body. Classes, work, and other campus involvement may account for some of the absences. As much as I'd like to, I cannot attend every game or match. I hate that I can't. But when I can go, I do go. Most of the time, I am there for *The Critic*, so I cannot cheer. Occasionally, I get to cheer for our players like I do the Red Sox. There seems to be a number of people in attendance, a few dozen at least, but half of them sit near, and cheer for, the opposing team.

We don't have many home games and it isn't always possible to make every game. I haven't heard any players complaining about this and when you ask them and the coaches, they all take the high road and say that the game is what's important. These are our classmates, roommates, suitemates, fellow Lyndon students; shouldn't we show them we're there for them? Who knows, maybe our energy can boost their play.

Monroe Doctrine: *Heartbreaker your time has come*



Sam Monroe
Managing Editor

I am a lucky guy; I was born in Massachusetts and therefore born into the craziness that is Boston sports.

I've seen things in my short lifetime that I may never see again, no matter how many games I watch.

I am currently tied up in Bruins hysteria. Hockey is my favorite sport, so therefore the Bruins are on my list of top teams. And as you know, it is the playoffs. The Bruins pulled off a double-overtime win over the Buffalo Sabres when Miroslav Satan slid the puck past Ryan Miller.

I love the Bruins and I am hoping that Boston can pull off the win tonight in game five. But in a month or two I am going to feel bad for the city of Buffalo.

They only have two major sports teams. The Bills were good in football, once. They went to four straight Super Bowls. Four straight years, from 1991-94, the Bills represented the American Football Conference in the Big Game.

How crazy is that? The even crazier part is that they didn't win any of them.

What do Buffalo Bills fans have to remember that glorious run by? Nothing but the phrase "wide right!"

Then, in 1999, the Sabres had a chance to win Lord Stanley's Cup, but Brett Hull, with his skate prematurely in the crease, infamously cost them the series with his triple-overtime goal in Game 6. No cup for the Sabres. The next year the Flyers score a goal through the side of the net. No cup for Buffalo. This year they take a "too many men" penalty in the second overtime against the Bruins. It ain't over till the fat lady sings, but could this just be another play to add to the Buffalo legacy?

Another funny thing I noticed while watching the Bruins and Red Sox games last night is how certain things mean different things to different fans. Someone brought up 2004. The Bruins fans in the room crumbled to the ground as they recalled the Bruins losing a 3-1 series lead to the Montreal Canadiens in the first round. But it was a glorious year for Sox fans,

Buffalo may have it tough, but are we waiting to watch a redo of the 2004 playoffs for the Bruins? Either way, one team's fanbase will experience something they're both used to: heartbreak.

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Douglas praises student leadership at Lyndon

Sam Monroe
Managing Editor

Vermont State Governor Jim Douglas has made his first appearance on campus since the construction of the new building.

Incoming SGA president John Kleinhans reached out to the governor about three weeks ago and extended an invitation for him to come and speak to student leaders on the Lyndon campus. Douglas accepted and made the journey to spend a few hours on the campus.

Douglas was given a tour of the new building and made a live appearance on News 7, before heading to ASAC 100 to meet students and have dinner.

"I thought it was very successful," said Kleinhans. "It was great to have so many people come out for the event." The event saw about 50 student leaders turn out for the dinner. There were SGA representatives, club presidents, resident assistants, student ambassadors, peer leaders and many other students in attendance.

President Carol Moore made some opening remarks and stated how happy she was to see the governor on campus and how proud she is of all the students on campus. "This is what we are all about: you the students," Moore said in her opening remarks.

Current SGA President Andrew Chapin came to the podium after dinner and made a few remarks. He praised the student leaders for their involvement and encouraged them to stay involved in whatever they do throughout their lives.



Incoming SGA President John Kleinhans with Governor Jim Douglas

Photo by Sam Monroe

"Governor Douglas has always supported higher education in the state, and it was great to see him at Lyndon State College," said Andrew Chapin.

Chapin welcomed Douglas to the college by saying "on behalf of the student body, I'd like to say welcome to the best Vermont State College. I hope you enjoy your time here."

"What is great about this group is that I know when you leave this great campus, you are not done being leaders," said Chapin in his speech.

Douglas came to the podium and spoke of his appearance on News 7, he talked about how nice the new building is. "The only bad thing about this room is the beautiful view," Douglas

joked, noting the view out of the ASAC windows is distracting.

Douglas spoke for a few minutes on leadership and encouraged all of the student leaders to apply themselves in whatever field they are in. "I ran for office at 25; you can too."

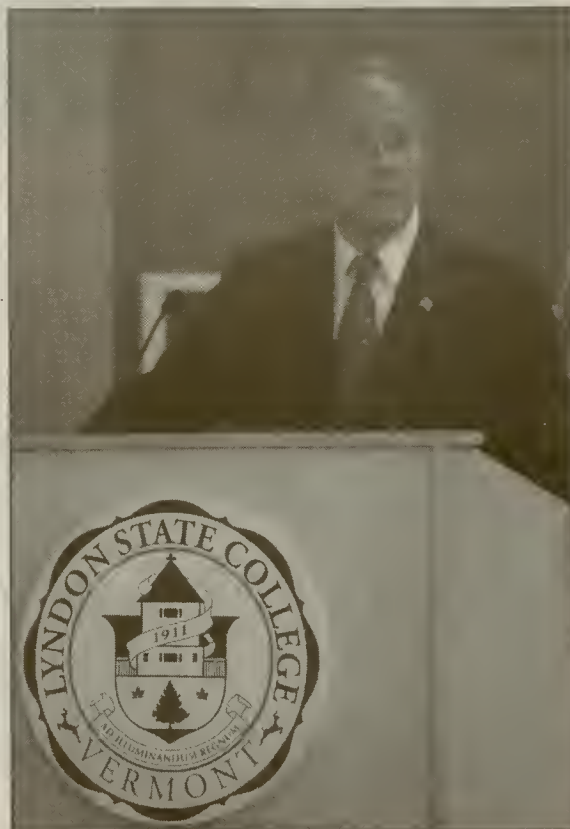
He spoke for several minutes on what he thought leadership was and how students can show leadership. He then took questions from the audience.

One question asked had to do with his thoughts on the health care bill eliminating VSAC. "I think that is a shame," he said. "I think it is a big mistake." He also spoke about the budgeting issues for the state and the college. "I thought the more urgent need was higher education,

but they wouldn't do it," speaking of the legislature cutting funds from the State College system. Douglas said there are many ways to get the budget down. "I don't know the best answer, but it can be done." Douglas suggested increasing the teacher to student ratio; he said it isn't ideal but it is a way to

save money.

Before the dinner began Douglas spent some time walking the room with Moore and speaking with students. "It was good to have that type of connection," said Kleinhans. "Most of the students got to talk to the governor, it was a very personal setting."



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Budget meeting shows bleak financial future

Ben Holbrook
Critic Editor

The atmosphere was tense as faculty, staff and a handful of students gathered in the Alexander Twilight Theatre to hear the administration's budget update.

President Carol Moore opened Tuesday's meeting with a statement about the transparency of the administration's handling of the budgeting process.

"We really feel that people need to know about the budget but we believe there is a balance between what needs to be known and how much should be known," Moore said. She continued by cautioning those in attendance that the budget was still a moving target and the three percent tuition increase, although not ideal for Lyndon,

was decided on by the trustees to keep college affordable.

Lyndon faces a daunting task for the future: reducing operating costs in an effort to keep a balanced budget, as outlined by Wayne Hamilton, dean of administration.

"The 2010 enrollment is projected at 468 students, which is down from 2009's 526," said Hamilton. Currently, Lyndon is about 60 percent of the way towards the final deposit numbers; however, on a brighter note, retention numbers have improved and are about 50 students ahead of last year's, Hamilton said.

As a result of the improved retention rate, the lower admissions number is being offset, Hamilton said.

However, over the course of the next three years, Lyn-

don is looking at deficits of \$755,700, \$1,699,000 and \$2,655,000 respectively. Next year's deficit will be slightly countered due to an investment agreement the school made, which will bring in about \$400,000 in revenue, Hamilton said. The investment agreement runs out next year.

Even with the slight dip in enrollment numbers for the 2010-2011 academic year, the enrollment growth trend is still on track, Hamilton said.

In order to ensure a balanced budget, the administration looked at a number of cost-reducing measures, Moore explained. Some of the options included faculty and staff layoffs, freezing open positions, consolidating the schedule, reducing travel, reducing academic equipment, freezing the library

budget, freezing department budgets, and reducing the student direct-hire budget. Of the options explored, the administration chose to consolidate the schedule, freeze two open faculty positions in graphic design and music business and industry, decrease travel and decrease institutional aid slightly.

Moore explained how consolidating the schedule saved about \$400,000 which equated to roughly six jobs saved with an average salary of \$66,000, and benefits. As part of the VSC system, a series of reserve funds are established by each college, Moore said. Lyndon's reserve would only be able to fund salaries for less than three weeks.

The meeting was opened up for questions after the presentations, and many of the

questions centered around enrollment numbers. With an enrollment of 1,800 students, Lyndon would have a stable enough base to absorb other shortfalls in the budget, Moore said. The assertion that class cancellations were made aware two weeks in advance to faculty department chairs was challenged during the meeting after The Critic reported last week that Moore, when asked why faculty weren't notified of the cancellations in advance, told the SGA that faculty were told two weeks beforehand.

"If it was two weeks that was in error, it was more like four or five days," Moore said.

Moore cautioned that Lyndon had navigated difficult financial hurdles before, and it would continue to do so.

Cappalli joins VSCSA



Tim Cappalli

Photo by Sam Monroe

Madison Cox
News Editor

Many know Tim Cappalli as vice president of the Student Government Association at Lyndon State College, but he has recently taken on two new titles: Chair and Trustee of the Vermont State College Student Association.

Cappalli has joined about 15 other students in the VSC system. The group meets to discuss issues at each college, which includes Lyndon, Johnson, Castleton, Community College of Vermont and Vermont Technical College.

Cappalli, a junior electronic journalism major at LSC, hopes to bring organization and consistency to the boards.

"We met about three or four times this year," he said, "but we should be meeting every month."

He stressed that the most im-

portant part of his job is representing his Lyndon peers.

"The big one [responsibility] is representing the voice of 1,500 students to the board," he said. He also said the board discusses updates, events and other issues affecting college students.

Cappalli explained that the meetings are for everyone who is interested, and that students can have a voice there. The committee meetings take place first, where decisions are made. The Board of Trustees then votes on the decisions.

While he said the representatives on the board are important, he added, "It's nice to hear from other students as well." He encourages students to get involved, either by attending meetings or speaking to him about things that are important to them.

Rent-a-text to begin in fall

Sarah Aube
News Correspondent

Renting textbooks will be a new way to get books at LSC for each semester.

The college bookstore is starting a Rent-a-Text program this fall, which will give students an opportunity to rent a book for a semester instead of having to buy it.

"I think it's an awesome idea just to give you more choices," said Anita Little-Drown, manager of the bookstore.

Follett, the company that owns the school bookstore, told the bookstore managers that they were starting this program at LSC just a few weeks ago.

"It's something they

are rolling out nationally," says Little-Drown.

Follett did test runs in multiple stores last year. It must have been a success, because they are now introducing this rental program to almost 600 of its bookstores this fall.

When renting a book, it can be charged to school accounts just as they can be when they are bought. Highlighting and writing in the book is also permitted.

Not all titles will be available for rent, but the ones that are will be able to be ordered ahead of time on the website and picked up at the store, or just paid for at the store.

Exactly how much students will be able to save by renting books is

still unknown.

"I haven't seen a pricing structure," said Little-Brown, "but I know it's to help you save money. I go to training in June. Then I'll be an expert."

The books will be more expensive to rent based on the limitedness of them. If it is a book there are plenty of copies of, it will be cheaper than a book that is a new edition that doesn't have as many copies in circulation.

The bookstore is hoping that this new program will encourage students to buy their books locally, rather than ordering them online or finding them elsewhere.

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SGA questions public safety

Aimee Lawton
Entertainment Editor

Accusations have been made recently by students that Public Safety officers have access to video surveillance of the campus.

Director of Public Safety George Hacking said that this situation was presented to him by Student Government Association President Andrew Chapin. Chapin reported to Hacking that he heard from another student (whose identity was unknown to him) that a Public Safety officer told them that he would review tapes to see how their car was damaged, indicating that there were cameras around campus.

This information came from a resolution that was reported to the SGA. According to this resolution, the SGA received complaints from students about Public Safety officers claiming they have access to video footage on campus. In response to this, the SGA

recognized that there are no surveillance cameras and no video footage available to Public Safety officers, and stated that the practice of misleading students is unacceptable.

"This is the first time that I heard of this complaint," Hacking said. "I offered to Andrew the opportunity for the student to speak with me so that I could correct the misinformation."

Hacking also said that this has grown into a bigger issue than it needs to be because the student has not come forward about the situation. As a result, it is unclear as to whether officers are really telling students that there are cameras on campus, or if this accusation was the consequence of a miscommunication between the student and the officer.

Hacking says that these are questions that need to be answered before this can be resolved so an appropriate message can be sent out to the Lyndon community.



Photo By Sam Monroe

Current Rotaract president Curtis Mathewson and incoming club vice president Beth Jackson pose for a photo with Governor Douglas on Wednesday. Rotaract raised over \$360 during its 50/50 raffle last week. \$180 will go to the Hope Scholarship that will put a female through school in Kenya. Lyndonville Rotary donated an extra \$200 to help the cause. "This will put her through high school and then we can bring her to LSC after she graduates," said Jackson.

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AMS begins working toward debt relief

Gwen Cook
Critic Staff

The American Meteorological Society at LSC got itself into deep water recently with the Student Government Association because of overspending.

The club annually hosts a storm conference but this year, they ended up overspending its allotted cash amount.

"There were a few miscommunications when it came to the prices at the conference," said Samantha Couture, AMS & NWA president elect. Certain prices went up and we were charged for some things we should not have been but we are in contact with the hotel now to work things out to get some money back."

"We are following all of the procedures explained in the Debt Management portion of the SGA Constitution in Article VIII, Section 11," said Andrew Chapin, the current SGA President. "Upon the discovery of AMS overspending the amount that they had in the Northeastern Storm Conference line item and their fundraising account, we met with Tony McGee, the current AMS President, and Samantha Couture and explained things. The amount that they are in debt for is between \$7,000 and \$8,000."

"All of AMS's accounts are frozen," says Chapin. "They can not access any of their line items and will not be able to until the debt is repaid. AMS cannot request any new funding from the SGA, which eliminates the possibility of a 'bailout'. The entire debt must be repaid in the form of fundraising deposits."

According to rules enforced by the SGA: within 20 school days, the club must make some sort of financial progress. Within 40 school days, it must repay at least half of their debt. By the end of the fall 2010 semester, it must repay the entire balance. If it doesn't, it will not be able to submit a budgeting packet for 2011-2012 and its budget will remain frozen until it is repaid.

"We are not able to make a deal with SGA to not freeze our budget," says Couture. "With the constitution, our budget is frozen until we pay our debt off. That is why we are working very hard to get fundraising going as soon as possible and make it as successful as possible. Any little bit helps. For next year, we have decided to change locations of the conference to lower the prices."

"We are going to monitor more closely the prices of the hotel and of the events the hotel caters for us. We are going to also keep with fundraising and do our best to raise as much money as we can so we know we will have enough of money to pay it off and not have to go through this again," said Couture.

"Ultimately, this all stemmed from poor planning from the AMS Executive Board. As such, there is no real way for us to stop this from happening before it happens... the board simply didn't plan properly and bit off more than they could chew. As always, I'm open to suggestions—if anyone thinks that they have an idea for how we can stop this from occurring down the road, I'm all ears," said Chapin.

In the mean time, the bill that the AMS racked up still needs to be paid. This is the area where the SGA will help the club out.

"We will pay the hotel bill as is, because the school can't simply not pay the hotel," said Chapin.

"We have multiple fundraisers we will be doing over the summer along with one we already did this past weekend at Spring Day with water balloons which was successful," said Couture. "We also plan to continue fundraising when the fall semester starts up as well."

"I have faith in the AMS Executive Board's plan to get out of debt and as a result do not believe the club is in danger of disbanding. So long as they repay their debts, they will regain access to the funding needed to put on the Northeastern Storm Conference in 2011," Chapin concluded.

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Increased Border Patrol on Canadian border poses problem for local farmers and workers

Robert Patton
Opinion Editor

A few days ago I was out walking a couple blocks from home when a new white sedan pulled up along side me, its passenger side window rolled down. I leaned over to see what the driver wanted before realizing that I had attracted the attention of the United States Border Patrol. The sight I saw through the open window was impressive.

The uniformed young man behind the wheel was well armored with a vest that looked thick enough to stop anything short of a .500 Smith & Wesson Magnum. In case his semiautomatic pistol and three double-stack magazines of ammo was not sufficient to meet any threat he might encounter, an M4 assault rifle was muzzle up-right in a holder at his right side.

Fortunately he quickly concluded that I was not a threat and he drove off. If I had responded to his questions with a Spanish, or God forbid Arabic, accent there might have been a different ending to the story.

As his vehicle disappeared around the next curve on the lonely country road, I wondered how he might have reacted to the question that came to mind. "How do you feel," I wanted to ask "about enjoying a high income with liberal fringe benefits, to say nothing about the expensive vehicle and weaponry, at a time when many Vermonters are out of work, doing a job that is totally unnecessary."

My question would probably not been appreciated. Not that the Border Patrol is not needed. There are major problems on the southern border. That's where people are actually dying.

Whether you support the rights of illegal immigrants or not, no one supports the unscrupulous coyotes that take them across the border. And these guides are not at all interested in helping anyone.

There are cases on record where having brought Mexicans across the border, they are stripped naked and held prisoner until they come up with additional money. Rapes are commonplace and corpses along the border have become a frequent occurrence.

However, our govern-

ment, not to be accused of discrimination, is spending huge amounts of money to protect us from outsiders crossing the peaceful Canadian border. That includes massive increases in the numbers of personnel stationed at critical places like Derby Line and Beebe Plain as well as the terminus of 191.

Now I have to give these guys credit for their work ethic. They could take the position that they had been assigned a cushy job where they could relax with coffee and donuts and enjoy the clean, fresh air of the Northeast Kingdom.

However, they need to find something to do, something that allows them to put their training to work. Did you know that part of their training is to go down South and learn Spanish? Luckily they have discovered that some Vermont dairy farmers, backed against the wall with depressed milk prices that make it difficult to survive, have hired farm workers that have darker complexions than the average Vermonter and have foreign accents.

Of course, my mom had a foreign accent and the postmistress in the post office up the block from me has a foreign accent, but I'm talking about the dreaded Spanish accent.

Now, as I understand it, these workers are desperately needed by local farmers and pay all their taxes including social security taxes (although they have no hope of every getting benefits). The jobs they do are hard, dirty and require getting to work before dawn and there are few takers (not even starving students).

So Homeland Security is trying to shut our farmers down by taking away the workers they need to keep operating. Of course, they're not really against the farmers; they're enforcing the law and being paid very well to do it.

However, that's only the beginning. There is a border station at Morse's Line, VT. It's a little brick building on a half acre of land that the government seized from its former owners back in 1936.

Two to three cars an hour enter the United States at this crossing. And that's during the daylight hours.

It's not clear what the well-paid customs inspectors do when things get slow, but of course they have to stay awake.

Think what the Canadian customs officers on the other side of the line think of this situation. Such a sleepy little post when the United States, as we like to tell it, is the world's only remaining superpower. We're talking image here.

Fortunately some stimulus money came along. You've heard of it although you probably didn't get any. So Homeland Security has \$7 million to spend on a magnificent post that will, I'm sure, impress every one of the two or three visitors that enter at this point every hour.

However, there is a problem. It's really hard to spend \$7 million on construction when you only have half an acre to work with. However, the present customs house sits adjacent to a 220-acre dairy farm struggling to make ends meet with 80 cows that graze on the pasture. So the government wants to take 4.9 acres that is just sitting there growing feed for the cows. Of course they'll pay for it.

On offer is the magnificent sum of \$39,500. For the mathematics impaired that leaves \$6,960,500 for two buildings, fencing, a parking lot, water well, and fencing. I'm sure that both Canadian customs officers and visitors will be suitably impressed if this magnificent boondoggle becomes a reality.

To the editor: regarding the stipends

In response to the article published last week, "Stepping up to the plate." I was one of the people who stood up at the meeting, and said that I was too busy to come. I feel that it's a slap in the face to say that, "the real issue is laziness." I take personal offense to that statement. I am in no way being lazy. I am a senior at this college. Between six classes, group work, homework, and sleep; I do not have the time to sit in on a SGA meeting. If the SGA wants people to come they should make it public what their meetings are going to be about. That way, if another issue like the stipend one comes up the student body would know; and have a chance to speak up at that time. I moved my whole day around Wednesday, to stand up for Justin Chenette. To ask me to do that every Wednesday is ridiculous. If it wasn't

for Justin and his Facebook group I would have no way of knowing about the stipend. I am so proud of Justin for "Stepping up to the plate." As a senior at this college I find it disgusting that I'm being referred to as lazy, because I don't rearrange my Wednesday's to go to SGA meetings. The topic of these meetings should be clearly made public to the entire student body. I said it at the meetings and I'll say it again; Justin Chenette is the only person who had the student body in mind, when he decided to use the Internet to get the information out. I received nothing from the SGA saying they decided to agree on a stipend. It was not made public as it should have been. I thank Justin for all his hard work on the issue.

Jacqueline Richardson
Senior: Graphic Design



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Bob Whittaker jumps into the pond on May 5 as part of Spring Dip. To see more Spring Dip pictures see page 12.

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Reign of terror draws to a close



Ben Holbrook
Critic Editor

As the semester draws to a close and everyone scrambles to finish up papers, study for exams and seek out summer employment, it's time for me to say goodbye to The

Critic.

For the past two years, I have served as the paper's editor; a position I never expected when I first got involved my sophomore year, but now, looking back, it seems appropriate. It's appropriate because of what The Critic offered to me: the chance to tell other people what to do, justify the means to piss people off, and generally, just fuck shit up.

I know a number of decisions I have made as the editor have been less than appealing to some, but in all honesty, running a newspaper

isn't about making people happy; it's about doing what needs to be done. Regardless, I would like to say that it has been vastly entertaining to serve in such a capacity.

During my stint as editor, I have seen more than a few outstanding journalists pound the pavement in search of the next great story. When I first started writing for the paper, The Critic's credibility was rising thanks to two editors who cared enough to put in the time. Even then, I knew more could be done, and before I assumed the mantle of editor, I planned all the changes I would enact.

It would be easy to say that I accomplished everything I set out to do over the course of two years, but that would be untrue. I didn't change everything that I wanted to, I didn't bring the newspaper to the prominence it deserves, but I have made it a better product during my run as the editor. I hope you, as readers, continue to pick up an issue each Friday, and never be afraid to let the staff know when they do something you don't like, but more importantly, let them know when they do something well.

As The Critic looks ahead to the future, welcoming in its

new editor, Sam Monroe, I can walk away knowing the paper is in excellent, and more capable hands than my own. I want to thank everyone who worked for the paper, and to tell you that I have seen professional journalists whose passion for the job pales in comparison to your own.

To the students, faculty, and staff: you have kept me honest through the years and I hope you feel that I have served you capably.

Good luck everyone, and thank you for supporting The Critic.

Uninformed is just an excuse

Sam Monroe
Managing Editor

I would like to respond to not just the letter we printed from Jacqueline, but every student who stood up at the SGA meeting and made the claim "I am not informed."

I am sorry if anyone was offended by Madi's editorial, but it was her opinion and she has the right to share it just like all of you have a right to share your opinions.

I am personally offended by the comment "I am not informed," and Madi should be too. You say you are too busy to attend SGA, but we are normal students too. Everyone who sits in that room has five or six classes, homework, group work and sleep they would like to get. Many of them also work at News 7, have on-campus or off-campus jobs (sometimes both),

have an internship and they are leaders in their club and the student body.

I do not want to turn this into a fight about scheduling, but there are people in the room who make some serious changes to their schedules to be there.

In Madi's case she is not a club rep, an elected rep or a member of the executive board. No, Madi doesn't have a direct role in SGA, but she goes every other Wednesday, and she goes for one reason: YOU!

She sits in the back corner and takes notes and writes down budget numbers and everything she can possibly gain from these meetings. When the meetings end she doesn't go and do what other people do; she doesn't go home and do her homework, watch T.V., play video games, hang out with her friends or go to the bar. Nope, instead,

Madi begins to write. She writes every important detail about the meeting and usually around 1:30 a.m. or 2:00 a.m., while most of you "too busy to attend" people are asleep, she sends me an e-mail with her story in it for the next day's paper. She does this for you, so you can be informed. And the week the stipend was voted on, her story ran on the front page. I understand you can't attend the meetings, but the reason you aren't informed is because you choose not to be. Pick up a copy of The Critic; you pay for it using your student activity fee.

The entire Critic staff does a service for you. Many of us do not receive credit for what we do, and we do it because it is what we will be doing with our future. So I encourage you to take advantage of this service that we provide you.



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The class of 2010 poses for a photo in the Standard Gymnasium after the robing ceremony that took place on Thursday afternoon.

Graduation will be held Sunday, May 16 on the soccer field. This year Lyndon will be graduating about 260 students.

Photo by Aimee Lawton

Congratulations and best of luck to the 2010 graduates from the staff of The Critic

Lyndon State College hosts third disaster drill exercise

Lyndonville, Vt. - Lyndon State College was the scene of chaos as student journalists and human services majors responded to an E. coli outbreak Friday afternoon.

This year's disaster drill involved an outbreak of E. coli in contaminated pineapple that was fed to students at the Stevens Dining Hall and the snack bar. As part of the scenario, 70 students fell

ill and two students died from compromised immune systems.

Participants in the drill included student actors playing the roles of victims of the food poisoning, local ambulance and EMT services, police, and school administrators. The disaster began at about 12:15 p.m. on Friday and lasted until 4:00 p.m.

The disaster drill, now in

its third year, is designed by Dan Williams, professor of journalism, and Peggy Sherrer, professor of psychology. As part of the drill, students are divided into two groups of journalists and human services majors. The journalism students are required to interview victims, police, school officials, family members and other participants in order to produce a story. The human services majors

counsel victims and families and help facilitate interviews with the journalists.

"Overall, I was very pleased with the disaster exercise," Sherrer said. "In hindsight, of course, there's always things you would modify. I was very proud of my students who provided mental health support to the 'victims.'" Sherrer was especially pleased with the volunteers who participated in

the disaster drill. "I also think we had some outstanding actor-volunteers this year. I'm especially grateful to the staff and students who gave up their afternoon to help us out."

Previous years have seen a boiler explosion in the Wheelock residence hall that killed a number of students, and last year's drill involved a school shooting in the Harvey Academic Center.



Reporters gather information about the spreading disease



Student Garrett Combs talks to a reporter about his sickness



Sick students are taken to the Emergency Shelter in the Bole Gym



Reporter Sam Monroe is locked out of a room while trying to gather information



Reporters (from right to left) Aimee Lawton, Sam Monroe, and Madi Cox

Photos by Eric Wayne

Lyndon still waiting on energy project grant

Steve Cormier
Critic Staff

A grant aimed at funding a faculty-student alternative energy project on the Lyndon campus has not materialized a half year after it was first promised.

Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) announced the \$32,500 grant from the U.S. Department of Energy last November while on the LSC campus.

Since then the delivery of the funds has been halted due in part to issues between the State of Vermont and the DOE in Washington.

Ben Lucé, professor of physics at LSC, says that the project remains "in the

works" but that he has been told the funds' arrival has been held up due to "general negotiations."

Bob Whittaker, Dean of Institutional Advancement, says that because of these negotiations, coupled with the DOE reviewing the application for funding, Washington has "delayed the actual transmission of the grant."

"We anticipate that the Vermont Department of Public Service will finalize the grant agreement this month," says Whittaker, "at which time the funding will be available."

The VTDPs has been acting as the "intermediary" between the Energy Department

and LSC, said Whittaker, managing the review process that will ultimately get the funds to the college.

The grant, at the time of its announcement, was designed to get LSC students involved with the project by having them do "monitoring, construction and overall development" of the project, said Sanders.

"This is the revolution of your lifetime – the transformation of the American energy need," Sanders said in November, explaining the importance of such a grant.

Once delivered Luce will head the project up, picking the LSC students to be involved, as he has been the

principal faculty involved with the project's design and implementation.

"The grant will be used to involve students in the installation of a photovoltaic array on campus," says Whittaker.

The photovoltaic cells in the array that would eventually be constructed on the LSC campus will be used to generate energy by collecting heat from the sun.

Explaining the focus on solar energy Sanders said that in comparison nuclear development was very expensive and wind proliferation on a large scale would not be possible for another two decades or so.

"We think that communi-

ties will pay attention if you become energy efficient," said Sanders at the time. "Universities and colleges should be, with your help, the center of these revolutions."

Whittaker says that the college has remained in contact with Sanders' office throughout the last 6 months of review to keep it going.

"They have been supportive through this process in coordination with the DOE and VTDPs," says Whittaker.

The Vermont Technical College will also be receiving a grant for the installation of a pellet boiler on their Randolph campus.

Recruitment numbers up, still shy of last year

Michelle Berry
News Correspondent

The 2010 school year is almost over, but the Lyndon State College Recruitment process is still in full swing.

We are now up from 924 acceptances at the end of April to a present number of 948, just six point four percent behind last year's numbers of 1,013 on this date. Of those accepted, 303 deposits have been placed; which is behind last year's 334.

According to the Dean of Admissions and Marketing at Lyndon State College, Patricia Krahnke, the college typically gains 200 to 240 deposits between the first of May and the beginning of classes. This year, however, they are unsure whether they

will meet those numbers. This year due mainly to financial issues that colleges nationwide are experiencing. The admissions staff is hoping that once prospective students receive their term bill at a chosen college where they have sent in their deposit, they will determine if they can or cannot in fact afford to attend that school and may be looking for more affordable options, like Lyndon.

"Our deposits are starting to pop, and our withdrawals post-deposit remain low, so we are cautiously optimistic that we will bring in a class that exceeds the current projection of 468," said Patricia Krahnke.

Of the deposits received thus far, in the top five majors with up to 36 deposits are:

Explorations and General Studies, Exercise Science, Mountain and Recreation, Elementary Education and Visual Arts. Some of the majors at the bottom of the list are: Human Services, Secondary Education, Digital Media, Liberal Studies, General Studies, Geographic Information Systems, and Global Studies. In regards to marketing strategies, the admissions staff is practicing their usual state-wide marketing and advertising plan, but is also planning to continue communicating with the families of prospective students over the summer. Krahnke says that they not only have to focus on recruiting new students, but also must retain the students who have already sent in deposits. They plan to do so by

working along with the First-Year Experience office as students enter their orientation and registration phase to maintain interest in the college.

"Summer traditionally is when transfer students, adult non-traditional learners, and local students begin to solidify their choices," said Krahnke. "As a result, we expect to begin seeing an up-rise in those numbers throughout the summer." However, there is still a chance that financial and employment concerns may conflict with this group of prospective students as well choosing to attend LSC in the fall.

Thanks Mr. Holbrook

This space is not even close to big enough to say what needs to be said. Ben Holbrook is leaving The Critic after two years as the editor. I will be taking over as editor and am nervous about the shoes Ben has left sitting in the office. I hope I can come close to doing the job that he has done for The Critic. He has made it a fun place to work and he has turned the newspaper into a credible news source on the campus.

I have some big ideas for the publication and I hope I can improve on the product Ben has left behind.

I wish Ben the best of luck in whatever he attempts to do in the future, cause I know he has no idea what he is doing. Thanks Ben.

-Sam Monroe

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Chris Ummer
Men's Cross Country
Since: 1993

Overall: 73-15. (since 2007)
Since 2007: 119-73

Championships: 2 (2008 & 2009)

Other notes: 2008 NAC Sportsmanship Award;
2009 Finished 10 in ECAC Championships



Women's Cross Country

Since: 1993
2009: 21-58

Overall: 49-117 (since 2007)

Championships: 0 (since 2007)

Other notes: 2009 NAC Sportsmanship Award



Geoff Davison

Men's Tennis

Since: 2009

2010: 8-5

Overall: 14-11 (since 2009)

Championships: 0

Other notes: 2010 NAC Runner-Up

Sean Fisher

Women's Volleyball

Since: 2006

2009: 11-14

Overall: 36-59

Championships: 0



Sue Henry

Women's Tennis

Since: 2009

2009: 7-6

Overall: 7-6

Championships: 0

Other notes: 2009 NAC Runner-Up



Ryan Farley

Baseball

Since: 2004

2010: 11-25

Overall: 44-80-1 (since 2007)

Championships: 0



Tim Tierney

Lacrosse

Since: 2008

2010: 3-10

Overall: 8-30

Championships: 0

Jennifer Kirchoff

Softball

Since: 2007

2009: 3-21

Overall: 32-65

Championships: 0



Joe Krupinski

Men's Basketball

Since: 2008

2009-10: 8-16

Overall: 18-30

Championships: 0

Vinny Maloney

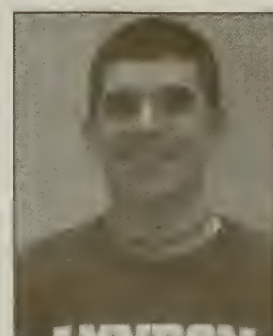
Women's Basketball

Since: 2006

2009-10: 7-16

Overall: 48-49

Championships: 0



Pete Kellaway

Men's Soccer

Since: 2004

2009: 4-10-3

Overall: 27-37-5 (since 2006)

Championships: 0

Wendy Elles

Women's Soccer

Since: 2009

2009: 7-9

Overall: 7-9

Championships: 0



"The athletic department anticipates all coaches returning from this year," says Chris Ummer, athletic director.

Baseball says hello to playoffs, goodbye to only senior

Sam Monroe
Managing Editor

This season, the men's baseball team made its first appearance in postseason play since becoming part of the North Atlantic Conference last year.

The Hornets went 11-25 on the season, losing in the NEAC playoffs to Castleton and Husson. The 11 wins were two more than last season, and the season was far more successful. The team won four of its last nine to qualify for the tournament.

When attempted to be reached for comment several players said that they were told not to do interviews. Attempts to reach captain Ben Clark were also unsuccessful.

The low-point of the season was an early 10 game losing streak that ran from

March 20 to April 8.

Clark, who has played in every game since his sophomore season, was the team's only senior this year and will be the only one not returning to the lineup next season.

He was named to the All-North Eastern Athletic Conference East Division team. The first baseman hit .339, with 10 doubles, six homeruns and 24 RBI. Clark led the team in runs, hits, doubles, RBIs, slugging

percentage and was tied with Jake Ainsworth for the team

lead in home runs.

In a press release from the

athletic department, head coach Ryan Farley said "Ben was a tremendous leader on and off the field.

"He is a great hitter because he has the ability to recognize hittable pitches in certain zones and possesses the discipline not to chase balls out of the zone."

Shane O'Donnell-Leach led the team in most pitching categories. He went 4-5 on the season with a 4.56 ERA. He made a team high 11 starts on the season. By the end of the season his arm may have felt like jello as he was the workhorse for the staff tossing 29.1 innings in the last 11 days of the season.

The Hornets were outscored 248-161 on the season, and out hit 359-265.



Senior first baseman Ben Clark fields the ball during Senior Day last Sunday.

Photo by Sam Monroe

Lyndon's men's tennis team dominates all-NAC selections

Fresh off its second-straight runner-up finish at the North Atlantic Conference Championships, the Lyndon men's tennis program capped a stellar 2010 season by earning seven selections to the All-NAC team.

Lyndon freshman Teddy Fournier, a native of Enfield, Conn., was chosen as the North Atlantic Conference Player of the Year in a vote of the conference coaches. Fournier, who was also honored as the league's Rookie of the Year posted a 5-2 conference mark, as well as an 8-4 record overall, competing in the No. 1 singles spot for the Hornets.

"This is a fantastic honor for Teddy and it's certainly well-deserved," said Lyndon head coach Geoff Davison. "He was an impact player as a freshman and is type of player who prepared for matches by working hard. Teddy is a great teammate who is encouraging and supportive of his teammates. If you look at his accomplishments both on and off the court, you will see that he is perhaps one of the most well-rounded student-athletes we have at Lyndon."

Fournier was also honored as an All-NAC Doubles First-Team selection. Paired with fellow freshman Michael

Howard, who hails from Rocky Hill, Conn., he amassed a perfect doubles record of 7-0 in his first season at Lyndon. The duo was also an impressive 10-2 overall in the 2010 campaign.

"Along with Teddy, Michael had a great first season as well at Lyndon, going 6-6 in No. 2 singles on top of his unbeaten doubles mark in the conference," said Davison. "He's a fine young player, and a great person to be around and have on the team."

Joining Fournier on the All-NAC Singles First Team is senior Matt Lentes of Holyoke, Mass. He had an

impressive overall singles record of 8-3 in the No. 3 singles flite and was a respectable 8-3 overall in doubles with partners Paul Thibault and Brad Darby.

"Matt's return to the team this season had a positive impact on us," said Davison. "He was a very experienced, intelligent player who didn't blow you off the court, but managed to figure out a way to beat you. He was a stable influence on the team and this award is a great credit to him in his senior season."

Lyndon also walked off with the NAC's Team Sportsmanship Award, its first since joining the conference in 2008.

"To me, this is the best honor that has been bestowed upon us. It is the most important in terms of our achievements," said Davison. "To win matches and be recognized as a respectful program is tremendous for everyone involved."

For a second consecutive season, Davison, who resides in Northfield, Vt., was honored for his leadership of the Lyndon program. He was named Co-Coach of the Year sharing the award with Johnson's Dean Writer.

The Hornets finished the 2010 season with an overall record of 8-5 and were 6-2 in the NAC.

The Monroe Doctrine: separation of church sport and state



Sam Monroe
Managing Editor

Politics and sports are two very different things.

I'm no politician, nor will I ever be. But it appears to me that a lot of the tactics used in a sporting event also get used in politics, especially campaigns. I, however, am not one for mixing politics with sports. I strongly believe that Congress has far better things to be doing than getting rid of

steroids in baseball. If baseball wants to say goodbye to steroids they should have done the work themselves. Same with the college football playoff system. If rumors are true, Congress wanted to develop a playoff system to fairly determine the national champion. I don't care how the champ is determined. The BCS is kind of dumb, but I don't want my tax dollars spent by Congress debating how to pick a champ.

Yes, tax dollars help build stadiums and things like that, but it's a little different. I also know that President Obama is human and needs to have a little free time in his life, but appearing on ESPN to present his NCAA bracket is kind of a

waste of my time and his. I mean, I feel like maybe he could be spending his time on other, more important things. Does he have that much free time? Last I checked, we were at war, and there are still problems within our country. Take a look at New Orleans. Maybe we should fix that before Congress starts working on a plan to fix the BCS.

Now Arizona has passed a law that essentially says if a cop thinks you are an illegal alien he can question you. I'm not here to debate the ethical part of the law; this is a sports column after all. But this involves sports. Baseball is threatening to move the 2011 All-Star game if the law isn't changed and there are players

saying they won't go to the game, or spring training for that matter, if the law isn't changed. I find that a little ridiculous. Yes I understand you don't agree with the law, but you get paid to play a game, not to make political statements.

And the Suns wore jerseys that said "Los Suns" in a playoff game. Really? I think it is cool, they have a fan base that are not all English speaking so they need to be able to read the jersey, but some sports columnists are saying this was a political statement. Really? Just play the game and win a championship. And if the Suns owners are that concerned about our country, maybe instead of

wasting money on making up an extra set of jerseys, they should donate some of the extra cash to people who need it.

Can we just take the politics out of sports and the sports out of politics? That would be great; let's get back to when baseball was a game that got our mind off of the terror our country was experiencing on September 11. Sports are supposed to be an escape, not a statement.

That's it for the Monroe Doctrine for this year. It may return next year depending on what the year brings. Until then enjoy the sports you love.

Anti-marijuana campaign overtakes LSC

Emilie Lariviere
Critic Staff

The advisory board for Together Works led the "Pot is an Obstacle" campaign that took place on campus during the last several weeks.

This campaign was headed up by Tinalyn Caisse and Pam Smart, faculty members of Together Works. Caisse put together a campus team called "Street Team" which was made up of a group of students that helped organize, prepare, and assist with this event.

The first sign was what they call "teaser" week and this was where they had little posters and things up in bright colors hoping to get people to start questioning what is this about. They also painted the "marshmallow" near Lyndon Institute orange in an attempt to get people to notice.

According to Caisse, "The overall point of this awareness campaign was to make people aware of the

real risks." Smart also said "It was not to say don't do it, but to make them aware

of the barriers to using marijuana."

This campaign handed out a lot of free items such as Frisbees, cards that had random facts, sunglasses and other items.

They also had a raffle where you could win an iPod. Flek Graphics of Lyndon designed all of the publicity for this event.

The weeks after "teaser" week were when the real "obstacles" were placed in many locations on campus.

A skateboarder actually rode through the first obstacle that was put up on day one.

and negative way," she said. "People are asking if we will do it again. Thinking of

cess.

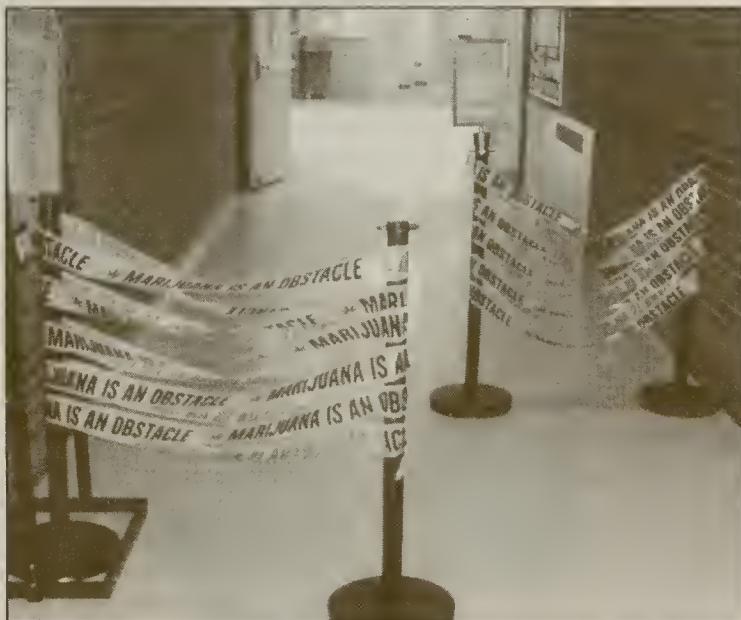
Gabrielle Benzie, a sophomore double majoring in graphic design and digital media said, "I think it's a good campaign especially Lyndon Institute people. Informing them of the effects it can have on their body."

Andrew Saltarella, a junior majoring in exercise science said "It did a good job getting people's attention for good or bad."

A lot of the students that helped with this event seemed to have had a lot of fun with it.

With any campaign there is always room for improvement and Caisse thinks to at least make it only two weeks long and one teaser week.

Brian Stone, a freshman majoring in electronic journalism suggested, "The obstacles could be sturdier. Keep the same idea but revamp the process."



Kim Stacy, a freshman liberal studies major with a minor in theater was a member on the street team.

"I think we effected some people in a positive

working out kinks and do it again this fall." As of this moment they are looking into hosting this awareness again coming this fall as they feel it was a huge suc-

24-hour lab not conducive work environment

Michelle Berry
News Correspondent

If you enter Lyndon State College's 24-hour computer lab on an average day you will most likely encounter backs of disassembled chairs littering the floor, stains covering various areas on the floors and chairs, a thick layer of dust coating the windowsill of the singular window allowing fresh light in, and an eerie, unidentifiable aroma lingering throughout the room.

"I think that the 24-hour lab is disgusting," said Tricia Doyon, a senior in elementary education. "It smells like moldy...something."

Doyon said the room is "extremely loud" and the printer often lacks paper.

"The computers are so slow that it takes five minutes just to load the desktop screen," she said.

Many students share Doyon's feelings towards the computer lab. It tends to be more appropriate for students in search of socializing, rather than in need of a quiet place to sit and do their work due to the high noise level.

When interested in doing their schoolwork, students tend to seek out a quieter atmosphere on campus,

such as the new computer labs in the Academic and Student Activity Building, the campus library, or a quiet area to sit down with their personal laptop.

"I think it's dirty and noisy and loud, so I avoid it. I prefer the library, but it's good to go and hang out in and socialize with friends,"

"I think that the 24 hour lab is disgusting,"
-Tricia Doyon, senior elementary education major.

said Christine Bailey, a junior at LSC majoring in early childhood education.

Technical issues are also a cause for student frustration. Many students rely on the 24-hour lab for printing papers for classes and catching up on last-minute work, however, there are often claims of issues with the printer, whether it be lack of paper, a jam or another technical problem that can make the lab unreliable for students on a number of counts.

According to Mike Dente, LSC's Chief Technology Officer, the computer lab is open 24 hours a day, with a total of 20 computers, which computes to 480 hours of availability per day. Of these 480 hours, the com-

puters are typically used between 35%-50% of this time.

"It's the only lab on campus where at least one computer is used every hour of the day; even overnight," said Dente. "We usually try to upgrade them every two years, instead of the normal four years for most labs, since they take such a beating."

"I haven't entered the 24-hour lab since the new building came because I have found that I don't get any work

done. Students are rude, messy, and disrespectful of one another.

It's loud and very hard to get your work done. Half of the time the printer doesn't work, and it's very frustrating," said Randee Hutchinson, a junior at LSC majoring in business administration.

Is there a solution to this problem we are dealing with? Another student, who preferred to remain anonymous, said, "I feel if there was a paid person to monitor the lab itself to keep the place clean and regulate the on-goings of the students' behaviors, then the lab could be a place of productivity."

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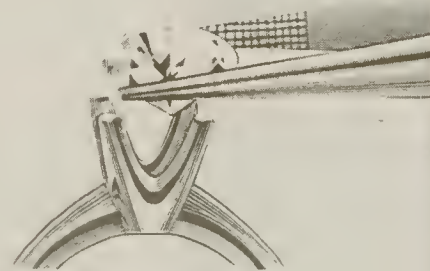
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The beginning is the end; there is no place like home and such.

"It's weird," I said, looking at the scattered coal deposits, deep mounds of a hardened night-black blooming everywhere in those autumn woods: "for about three million years we were getting along just fine with the world—"

Bella interrupted: "Yeah, then Pennsylvania happened."

There was a eulogy there, to the nation; to its Dream; to its Industrial Age; for us – the hope of the modern world rolled up in one big burning ash pile. Still 7 days from California, one out of Vermont, and America already felt vaguely mournful – its open casket Centralia, Pa.

The ghost town had a wider view of death than we were used to. Great ridges of black coal ringed the horizons, stopping awkwardly, abruptly, here and there where entire mountains had been amputated from the face of the Earth to better serve, to better fuel humanity. And the town itself, transplanted too – once a community fueling the dreams of prosperity and the nightmares of war; now, mere ghosts of figures danced upon its open and barren ground before the environmental depression: working class families replaced by wafting torrents of toxic gas.

"Yukon," Bella started, "even the trees—"

"Yeah, they look sad too," I said, finishing the inescapable idea, their appearance too apparent.

As victims they contorted in

Pines to Palms: The Death of Moose Knuckle's America



In Centralia, Pa., a toxic cloud rises from an underground coal mine which has been burning since 1962.

their agony – from their arthritically bent branches to their soot roots reaching deep into the earth; third degree burns and first degree neglect played out on what bark remained. They were the sole residents of this barren world. No more homes, no more businesses, the deep underground mining fire

raging itself and the land for 50 years unable to support anything but the silence and emptiness we felt.

The only sign of life as we knew it was a bordering town, the only approach: a town called Ashland. The literal successor to a world this burning town left be-

hind, sitting down a crumbling road on an inclined hill – below Hell itself. No doubt an eerie monument to man's ability to move on from his crimes, attempting to forget his past, it is what Centralia failed to live up to – a coal town unthreatened by its own potential. But its citizens were even sicker, sadder than the ghosts of Centralia. No sun, no life, no joy in their movements: that was Ashland... for ash was all that remained.

Transplanted communities... the very real foundations of a town sunk into the ground and replaced by hazy clouds of toxic burning death, society fallen apart to make way for the awkward absence of life.

The streets of Centralia remained but the cars were gone. The lots still carved out but the homes, torn down, had not been so patient for their laboring masters – abandoned.

Below every dream and hope, below every reality lies the utter truth: hallowed trash and hallowed ground gave way to the chaos once again, with the help of man's own ambitiously burning desires. But the sun, its hazy orange lighting illuminating that place just a little less, signaled for us to go.

As we left Bella said something that struck true: "It's so obvious why people here, why people across America need nothing but God – it has to get better than this."

Life Before College

By Christine Slater

Every day so mundane so useless,
everyday I walked around performing for my audience whom were so clueless,
'How is your day?' I'd say with an earnestly fake smile,
I'd take orders obediently thinking fuck off all the while,
Each day I'd go there each day as devastatingly dull as the last, each day hoping for a change any change,
no not the change I'd dish out with a plastic smile,
"Oh that very sweet little blonde girl",
if they only knew the way I thought on those days when I hated the world,
that wretched girl they would say,
So I did things, any things, pierced things, branded things, just to feel something, anything,
So dizzily I spun around that melancholy wheel,
So why not get high, get drunk to detach, relax, escape, for whatever reason to cope with reality,
Every monotonous moment the same lazy music played over the intercom,
How I wished I could hear the spontaneous notes of Monk or The Bird,
I spiraled toward insanity as the incessant beeping of the register taunted me, invited me to jump on top of it
and scream to release the agony of standing still for hours,
To scream at the top of my lungs,
Fuck you and have a nice day!

Red, White and Blasphemy

By Christine Slater

The American dream
Certainly has changed
It's no longer enough
To live free and die
In the pursuit of happiness
Freedom misconstrued with
Power
Happiness pursued as wealth
We just keep consuming
Wasting
Letting out yet another notch
While others starve
Die hungry
Never knowing our simple
Pleasures
To decide how full life should be
We no longer see
To the depths of our
Greed
The price of our
Lust
We deprave our children
And ravage our land
Of rose colored opportunity
Instead we surrender ourselves
To the world of pretty trinkets

Every Great Empire Has Fallen
Will you let yours?

Spring Dip 2010



Lyndon's annual Spring Dip was held on Wednesday, May 5. 16 participants jumped in to the pond and raised \$160 in addition to receiving a \$15 donation, making a grand total of \$175 to benefit student scholarship funds.



New Century, the area's newest restaurant

Emilie Lariviere
Critic Staff

New Century, owned by Henry and Jan Fong, opened May 2 on Portland St. in St. Johnsbury.

They are the same owners of Asia and the other New Century in Woodsville, N.H. As you step into the restaurant, you first see a full dining room with booths and tables, restrooms, a door to the kitchen, front desk and stairs leading upstairs. The inside of the building has been clearly renovated from what was formally J & D's restaurant and before that, Surf and Sirloin. The restaurant includes new lighting, carpeting, tables, latest computer technology for staff

and a full horseshoe bar upstairs with additional seating.

The menu is the exact same as Asia restaurant, however, the portions are smaller and the food doesn't seem to taste as good. Most of the servers seemed as if they have never served before. The entrée prices ranged from \$5.25 to \$17.95, the average dish being about \$7.95. The uniforms reminded me of nurse scrubs similar to the Miss Lyndonville Diner's uniforms for their waitresses. Henry Fong sat and spoke to me in regards to their new restaurant and how he was excited for it.

"Business is doing well," he said.

Cooking with Cook: *Farewell brunch for graduates*



Gwen Cook
Critic Staff

Goodbye LSC, it's been fun.

Fried Dough

2 packages of pizza dough
1 bottle of vegetable oil
Powdered sugar, cinnamon
sugar, maple syrup

Directions-

In a deep skillet, add the vegetable oil and turn on the heat until the oil is hot. Take large pieces of dough and stretch them out into discs. Drop into hot oil and cook until browned on both sides. Finish off with desired toppings.

Vanilla peach smoothie

1 cup frozen peaches
½ cup apple juice
¾ cup vanilla yogurt

Directions-

Blend until smooth.

Potato bacon egg bake

3 large potatoes, peeled and
diced

4 eggs, scrambled
10 slices of bacon, cooked and
crumbled

½ cup cheese

Directions-

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Boil the potatoes in a pot until they are slightly tender. In a casserole dish, toss the bacon, eggs, and potatoes together. Top with cheese and bake for 15-20 minutes or until the cheese is melted.

It's finals week. This means two things for us seniors: graduation and freedom from class, and leaving everything we know behind and starting our new lives as adults with a piece of paper that states we're better than most. We leave behind teachers who helped shape us into intelligent, prepared adults as well as friends we may or may not be glad to get rid of. For my last ever-cooking column, I'm going to share recipes that can be turned into a tasty brunch and made for those graduates you'll miss.



The Critic would like to extend a big thank you to Rod Jacobson and his Sales Management and Selling class.

When journalism professor and adviser to the student newspaper Dan Williams presented a challenge to the business department this spring, Rod Jacobson and his class took him on. The challenge was to help support our weekly newspaper with selling paid advertising. As of April 21, the 21 members of the class had sold \$2,235.

This sort of activity really brings home the philosophy and approaches we offer in our classrooms, said Jacobson. The students were engaged and had the chance to put what they had learned to work. This experiential component of the class is worth 30% of the grade for each student, he said. The class was divided into five local sales territories: Littleton, St. Johnsbury, Lyndonville, Other (Danville, Burke, Concord, Lancaster) and online. Each sales representative who sold Critic ad space earned a commission on each sale.

Members of the mock sales organization were Jesse Ballard, Amy Bedor, Ted Benoit, Kenzi Carr, Andrew Chapin, Theresa Danforth, Sean Hatch, Whitney Henault, Jason Hill, Tom Kurtz, Matthew Lee, Sam Ninh, Ricky Paparo, Andrew Robbins, Matt Roche, Tom Russell, Jordan St. Onge, Michael Thomas, Kelsey Thurston, Jeff Ward and Qi Zhang.

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Students rise against proposed stipend

Madison Cox
News Editor

The debate over whether to give the Student Government Association executive board a \$3500 stipend raged for over an hour during Wednesday night's meeting, and the decision whether to grant it has still yet to be made.

Adviser to the SGA Stephanie Tyler and Associate Dean of Student Affairs Jonathan Davis were both in attendance during the meeting, listening to multiple students voice opinions on either side of the issue. Roughly twenty students attended the meeting to express their concerns and show support to others, although four stayed for the entire evening.

President Andrew Chapin asked that everyone refrain from personal attacks and biases in the discussion before explaining his feelings about the controversy surrounding postings made on Facebook by freshman Justin Chenette and other students. Chenette and others who supported him accused Chapin and the other members of the executive board of corruption.

"Those claims are wildly untrue," Chapin said before the discussion began. "The representative claims we pulled a fast one, even though we put everything by the book and didn't do anything out of the ordinary." Other members of the SGA showed support of the decision.

"I'm defending Andrew Chapin and the rest of the executive board. The fact of the matter is they asked for something nicely," Dave



Justin Chenette (left) and Jordan Sherman (right) debate the proposed stipend of \$3500 for the executive board

Photos by Eric Wayne

Daly, representative of the Twilight Players said, "We as the student government voted, and the motion passed. The Student Government Association represents the student body. The student body therefore voted to pass this motion. It's very hard to take opposition seriously when I see groups coming up on Facebook."

"It was hard for me to carry out a conversation with them [opposition of the stipend] when they don't understand what we do here," Spirit Squad representative Katee Ingram said, "They should ask questions instead of making accusations." Other club representatives agreed that students who oppose the stipend were basing their

opinions on false information. "Students are coming in here without the exact facts," David Johnson, representative of the Lyndon State College Republicans said.

While the majority of the SGA approved of the stipend, the students in the back of the room remained unconvinced.

Freshman atmospheric science major Jimmy Bielli asked the room, "How does this request benefit the whole student body? They deserve some type of recognition, but do they deserve that much?"

"\$3500 isn't enough, in my opinion," Ingram said. "They are the face of the student body. Without them, this [SGA] would not be there."

The student who launched the online protest of the

stipend, Justin Chenette, also spoke out against it.

"My mission from the get-go wasn't to attack anybody or make anybody look bad," he said. "It was to allow average students who might not get a chance to attend these meetings or know their elected officials get a chance to be heard. The power of one Facebook status set a firestorm on campus." Chenette has been vocal through video postings and comments on Facebook. However, some representatives were frustrated that he did not speak up during the meeting when the decision was made.

When senior elected representative Chris Wentworth asked why Chenette did not argue

against it during the meeting, Chenette said he wanted to bring it to the attention of all students through a public forum.

Sophomore representative Rachel Keller expressed that she did not agree the executive was corrupt, as Chenette claimed, and that he was making a personal attack by saying so.

"We do have this little thing called freedom of speech," Chenette responded.

Katie White of the Role-Playing Club suggested that Chenette run for an elected position next year, adding that students needed to step up themselves in order to get information.



Spring snowfall at Lyndon

Photo by Sam Monroe

Snow Totals

Thursday April 28

Lyndon State
8.5"

Lyndonville
11.5"

St. Johnsbury
10.2"

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Small classes are luxuries LSC cannot afford

Madison Cox
News Editor

While the debate over the stipend was a hot topic during Wednesday's Student Government Association meeting, President Carol Moore also spoke to the room about the class cancellations for the fall semester.

"We have done it with one thing in mind: students. We have made some cuts in the schedule for fall. In previous years, we have cut either no enrollment, or low enrollment. About 50 each year. This year, we've done 70," Moore said. "What is different is we've done this now. If we made the cuts in August, you would not have the time to talk to your advisors."

"I have to admit as president, I don't always get into the nitty gritty details. This year, I got into the details."

People are concerned, but you will have the classes that you need."

Moore stressed that there will still be choices for students in choosing classes, though the number of choices will be lower.

"We don't have the luxury of running a class with four students. We've tried to keep the choices available," she said, "There is a difference between what you want and what you need."

Critic editor Ben Holbrook asked Moore why faculty and staff were not notified about the class cuts before they were made.

"The department chairs knew two weeks before we did the cuts. Every department chair was notified of the potential list of cuts," she said, "Granted, they didn't have a whole lot of time to respond. We have to prepare a

balanced budget in two weeks. We made accommodations. All the departments were notified."

Moore emphasized that students would still be able to get the classes needed to graduate on time, and that those with questions can speak with their advisers.

Other business during the meeting included the rugby club requesting a reallocation of \$2,700 from its dues and fees, field equipment, and transportation budgets to go toward new jerseys. SGA President Andrew Chapin expressed concern that this reallocation was sneaky, and that the club had fought to keep all the other items in its budget.

"It appears to be a little bit sketchy...a little bit political," he said.

Brian Wilcock of the Outing Club suggested that in-

stead of reallocation, the representatives vote to give the club \$2,700 from the general fund, which was approved.

Other requests included SGA Vice President John Kleinhans getting \$975 for food during the Student Leadership dinner May 5, American Women in Radio and Television receiving \$1,853 for its annual Gracies award ceremony, and Arianna Millington getting \$98 for pots and pans to be kept in the Resident Assistant offices in both Wheelock and Rita Bole.

During the discussion about constitution changes, it was revealed that the Campus Activities Board (CAB) will be acting as its own group at the college, separate from the SGA next year. There will also be an addition to the constitution regarding the process of granting stipends to the exec-

utive board if the SGA representatives approve.

The budgeting process will also be drastically changed next year. A finance committee will be made up of elected representatives, who will review each club's proposed budget and make cuts. Clubs will then have a chance to either accept or explain why they need the items that had been cut. In that event, club representatives will begin the typical phases. The constitution will be voted on by the student body this week.

The SGA also voted to create a resolution to Public Safety, after multiple reports that officers have been lying to students about video footage of vandalism.

"It's unethical and we won't accept it as the student body," Chapin said.

ROTARACT to help Kenyan student attend high school

Aimee Lawton
Entertainment Editor

This week, the Lyndon State ROTARACT club held a 50/50 raffle to benefit a scholarship fund for a high school student from an all-girls school in Kenya.

ROTARACT Vice President Elizabeth Jackson said that the raffle unofficially began on Friday April 23 when members of the club were given tickets to sell, and the official raffle ticket sales took place Monday-Thursday in the Alexander Twilight Theatre lobby. She said that they hope to raise over \$300 and the money will be split among the winner of the raffle and the club, who will use their share to benefit the scholarship fund.

"The idea for creating the scholarship came about in late March when Dr. Susan Greenstein introduced Mrs. Emily Okhoba to my Representing the World class," said Jackson via e-mail.

"Emily is the head-

mistress for an all-girls high school in Samia, which is a rural community in Western Kenya. After hearing stories about students who could not attend high school due to lack of family funds, or because they were orphans and had no family support, I approached Emily after class about starting a scholarship fund," Jackson said. She added that Emily was thrilled with the idea, and the two have been e-mailing back and forth making plans for how the scholarship money will be used.

"The female student [to receive the scholarship money] is going to be picked based on academic merit and financial need," Jackson said. "This student is going to be decided by a teachers' panel at the school."

Jackson said that it will cost 23,000 schillings (roughly \$310) to send the scholarship winner to school for an entire year. She says that the tuition is free, so the scholarship money will be paying for the

boarding costs associated with St. Cecilia Nagina Girls High School, where the girl will be attending.

"It is much safer for the young women to stay at school the entire year, instead of traveling on unsafe roads back and forth for several hours a day to get to school," Jackson said.

ROTARACT is a part of the Lyndonville Rotary Club, which is an international organization. Jackson said that the club is trying to become a part of the international community, using its connections both in town and at the college. In doing this, it is their hope that the scholarship winner will potentially attend Lyndon State College after her high school graduation.



Photo by Sam Monroe

The leadership recognition committee held their annual Leadership Awards Ceremony on Thursday. Several students were given awards for their participation on campus. Michelle Wilcox and Samantha Couture were awarded the Promise Award. Rachel Keller and Ryan Longe were awarded the Leadership Award. Wildens Fils and Rebecca Irwin recieved the Resident of the Year Award. The Citizenship Award was given to Christine George, Taylore Aussiker and Dan Haycook. Andrea Luna recieved the Outstanding Faculty/Staff Award. The Student Activities Award was given to Twilight Players. The Critic recieved the Club of the Year award. The A.S.S.I.S.T. award was given to Rotoract. Mark Hilton was given the Outstanding Club Adviser award. John Shanks and Ryan Wimble received a CARE Award.

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Looking out for Lucifer

Robert Patton
Opinion Editor

The college years are traditionally a time of transition. Most students enter college at childhood's end and, during their college years, put away childish things. College is a place to learn, but college is more than learning; college is the beginning of experience in the ways of the world.

Student government is a case in point. College administrators take away funds from enrolled students. Think taxes. Those funds are turned over to elected student leaders for distribution. Student elections, like the adult variety, are characterized by low levels of participation. And, like adult candidates, student candidates may even run unopposed.

At both the student and the adult level, governmental disbursement of "tax" revenues are influenced by lobbyists and pressure groups. And then, of course, there is the problem of corruption. We are always trying to stamp out corruption and as fast as it is trampled in one place it sprouts in another. We make the error of thinking that corruption is the bitter fruit of

the weed of evil and so we fail to understand it. Corruption, unfortunately, seems to be inherent in the human condition. Philip Zimbardo, in his book *The Lucifer Effect*, reports the results of experiments that he and others conducted many years ago. Research shows that most people who are put in a position of power tend to abuse that power. In 1887 Lord Acton famously said, in a letter to Bishop Mandell Creighton, "power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely."

Previous issues of this newspaper have reported on the activities of the outgoing student government. Student leaders worked conscientiously to disburse the funds entrusted to them in a responsible manner. They asked student organizations that had asked for funding to seriously consider areas in which they could make do with less money. They cut appropriations wherever there seemed to be waste or lack of frugality. At the end of the process, student government had done such a fine job that there was actually money left over. If only our leaders in Montpelier and Washington D.C.

could do such a job, we could eliminate budget deficits and put the finances of our state and country on a sound fiscal basis. What was to be done with the funds that were left over? There were many alternatives. The college was so desperately short of money that tuition had to be increased. The excess funds could have been returned to the college. Then there were many hard working students in dire need of funds and there were few campus jobs available to them. Perhaps the student government could have set up a scholarship fund to help one or more students that were both deserving and needy.

Well, decisions like this are tough but someone has to do it. So our student leaders decided that the most deserving and needy students just happened to be the top leaders of student government.

No surprise there. That's why our Senators and Representatives believe that they not only deserve to earn triple the income of the average American family but also deserve the best medical plan and an expense account that makes their salaries look like chump change.

Stepping up to the plate

Madison Cox
News Editor

For the past two semesters, I have spent nearly every other Wednesday night covering the Student Government Association meetings for *The Critic*.

It was difficult at times (especially when budgeting was going on), but I managed to hold my tongue and just report on what happened, nothing more. But now that the final meeting has come to a close, the weight of all I've seen (and haven't seen) has finally settled onto my shoulders. I can't keep quiet.

The recent outrage from some of the student body about the possibility of a stipend being paid to the SGA executive board has reinforced how I feel about student involvement on this campus. One of the main arguments against the stipend was that many students had no knowledge of what goes on during SGA meetings, and cannot tear themselves away from whatever keeps them occupied on Wednesday nights.

This is ridiculous. While I do believe debate is essential in order to keep a fair, balanced government, I refuse to believe that the entire student body, save for the roughly 30

club and elected representatives, are that busy. I think the real issue is laziness.

People stay uninvolved, until something doesn't go their way. Then they complain because hey, they didn't make the decision; the people they elected did. The representatives have the task of pleasing over 1400 of their peers. Every meeting I have attended has begun the same way. President Andrew Chapin asked for any student body comments, and night after night, the empty chairs in the back collect a little more dust.

I've seen a lot of strong student leadership. I've witnessed people who truly care what their fellow students want and need. They want as much input as possible. But no one participates.

I found SGA meetings interesting and informative, and I learned what goes into the decisions that affect us. Unfortunately, I have a class next semester on Wednesday nights, so I'll miss the meetings. But I'll still be looking at minutes and agendas, and discussing things with the representatives. I'm not going to be "too busy to participate," and I encourage all of you to step up as well. It's really not that difficult.

Letter to editor: nice work!

To the editor:

Well done! I believe that Ben Holbrook and Sam Monroe wrote a concise and objective article about recent course cancellations, an important topic that evokes strong emotions and opinions. I hope that the Critic's reporters continue to follow the story as it unfolds.

Tim Sturm
Professor of Special Education

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Health reform won't impact student policy

Sebastian C. Lury
Sports Editor

Lyndon State College students should see little change in the health care policy at the school after the recent approval of the health care reform bill, but faculty and staff may.

"The biggest impact may be around pre-existing conditions," Wayne Hamilton, dean of administration said.

"There is currently a limit on what the policy will pay on pre-existing conditions. I have not seen the new contract language yet, but I believe the reform act will require that the limit be raised

or eliminated. Until I see the specifics, I can't say for sure what the exact impact on pre-existing conditions will be," says Hamilton.

Another change that students will see is in the price of the policy offered to them. "The rate for next year (2010-2011)," says Hamilton, "will be \$1407, a reduction of about 2 percent."

Another impact may come from "the fact that students can stay on their parents' insurance longer," says Hamilton.

According to Hamilton, roughly 100 to 200 students, or about 10 percent, purchase a health insurance policy. The

numbers "fluctuate year to year." He says that the "vast majority of students are on their parents' insurance." The policy the school offers to students is basic.

"Student coverage is designed to be relatively low cost, for basic medical services," says Hamilton. "It does not cover what I would call catastrophic medical events." Hamilton says that the student policy has a relatively low cap and covers only "primary services and minor injuries." The reason for this limited coverage, he says, is because it's "intended to keep costs relatively low."

As for faculty and staff

who obtain insurance through the school, Hamilton says that they will see a price increase in their "much more comprehensive medical plan." Based on feedback he's received so far, Hamilton has heard that there will most likely be "a double-digit increase" in price. He predicts this increase to be around 10-15 percent and says that it is due to "general inflation" as well as "medical costs going up and monitoring the usage and the claims paid" in previous years.

"I'm optimistic that long-term health care reform will reduce costs to employers," he said. Lyndon State College

does require that all students either provide proof of insurance or purchase insurance through the school. "It's not really an issue here," says Susie Doucett, staff R.N. "But in places like rural Vermont, there are not enough providers or employers."

"The effect that it will have on Lyndon, according to Doucett, is that it will primarily be a reassurance. "It's some kind of safety net built in. It's basic and not high paying. "Students can stay on their parents insurance until they're 26," she says. "It may bring more providers to Vermont."

According to Doucett, a main concern in Vermont is the amount of health insurance providers.

"It's a big issue," she says. "No one wants to practice in Vermont because there's no money in it." She is also optimistic that the new bill will help with the paperwork side of the health care profession, saying that she's "hoping it will change the billing and insurance claims."

Students who utilize the services offered at the Brown House do not see any money leave their pocket outside their coverage, even if their insurance won't cover the cost of services.

"Whatever we have we will do. We don't bill students the balance," says Doucett. "If we don't get reimbursed, we don't bill students. Our counseling is free. We want people to get taken care of."

"Our main job is taking care of the students," says Chamberlain. "You do the learning, and we do the taking care of."

Alpha Lambda Delta Induction Ceremony



Photo courtesy of Amber Hartman

Alpha Lambda Delta is an honor society. To be eligible for induction, students must record a 3.5 GPA and be in the top 20 percent of the freshmen class in their first semester. The 2010 induction was held on April 25. Back row left to right: Lauren Colburn, Abby Fadden, Timothy Christ, Joel Lenoir, Kevin Brandolini, Nicholas Russo, Joshua Grant, and Katrina Seymour. Front row left to right: Chelsea Johnson, Erin Milne, Catherine Vitale, Margaret George, Alison Giknis, and Megan Seidell. Not pictured: Emma Crown, Rachel Westcott, Ethan Fontneau, Matthew Aretta, Theodore Fournier, Chauncey McCarthy, Daniel Hancock.

provides basic medical services to students through the Brown House, a building on the edge of campus so named because of its color.

"I don't know how it could affect us," says Paula Chamberlain, health and counseling administrative assistant, "because students have to have insurance through their parents or the school anyway."

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Pines to Palms: Moose Knuckle laments the Lost City

"I mean you've got to know it's a bad city when the Motel 6 is gated in."

Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, the South – unjust poverty, and its many names.

Another day, another million miles, another straight-line burn on the road and on the arm from leaning out open windows too long as the high sun and hot breeze commuted with us to New Orleans. Strangely illuminated by the cloudless sky was the fast-feeling of being part of the never-ending relief of Katrina – the midnight shift having ended; it's always darkest before the dawn sort of shit and by then it was midday anyways. All was well, the Saints had won, Brownie had done a heck-of-a-job and so it goes.

Interstate-10 served as our personal balcony – the warden had rolled out and the spectacular bayou views of the city were ours. I grabbed at my camera; I threw its strap around my neck as not to let it fall into the swamp. No sooner had I started clicking away did I realize every view was trapped behind the rail bars of the highway, the safety bars of the heights, the jail bars of the zoo – a drive-thru zoo in drive-thru America.

We stayed on our side, the animals on theirs – everything was justified. Whatever went on in the jungle was justified. The neglect, the disappointment, the depression – a house with sun lighting the world from the inside as a family huddled to eat – was justified and damn the roof, it would get in the way of my shots, my prying interest.

But we sat back, under the open sunroof, and could not escape the conclusion that this was fucked.

We weren't moving and our vulnerability was increasing. All traffic stopped as the financial district towered about the mess in the distance. Fallen to the ground on the side of the highway a young boy's broken neck and his broken motorcycle had been surrounded by drivers who felt safe in leaving their cars – not a word among them with death everywhere. The silence was not pierced by sirens; not a trace of wind or movement. They



mourned in grief as we stared in disbelief.

The city was a tomb, a death mask for American hubris and no matter what was said (what could be) the place was a great injustice to any words about it – silence filled the car.

Never again should I believe anything without my own eyes, was all I could think.

Glistening in the sky like stars the colored beads loft high as they search out supple and life-giving breasts swinging, dancing about the chesty-decks of half naked women, judging them with gold, silver and purple metals. Wanting palates of the dry and thirsty masses are refilled at every corner bar. Mardi Gras, the calling card, the poster child of a livid and lush New Orleans – a poster and nothing else.

The festivities torn off in the wind and horror was the only comfort left in that world – barely better than the nihilism blowing in with the next hurricane: party over. A major imperial city annihilated and the cost far too much, to real, to be paid off by anyone other than those who could not escape.

"New Orleans was such a beautiful city–," Bella pointed to a small house on the exit ramp's seedy cor-

ner. Lost, we'd circled the Superdome and descended into what madness it laid forth after spilling locals back onto the post-Katrina streets.

"Look at that architecture..."

The small abode was crumbling, its glory of blues and reds, towers and arched walls, facades flooded with flora. It's French taste was still apparent but sadly shadowed in clouds and depression.

My attention was suddenly arrested as a figure slowly emerged, shuffling from the underpass we were stopped beneath–

"–yeah, but now it's got more of a depressed shuffle to its look."

The older black man with a blank stare 5 feet before us; he shuffled and nothing more. No great dance upon the city's deck, his head the only hanging object swaying back and forth. The only glistening object, his closely guarded glock: no prize for skin but still glimmering in our eyes. We were lost – this was no longer the New Orleans we'd been told of: rescued.

"Umm..." I began.

"Yeah, he's carrying a very large gun," Bella assured my worry.

But I could not look into him, the barrel of the gun, without aiming at my-

self: *here, this is the nre-quired fact... just as real as any New England dream and its, home feeling like nothing more than some peripheral hallucination anymore.*

We tried to escape, looping endlessly along the flood-level streets. Receding from the city we attended to it lighter than Katrina. Still, the flashing camera from the passenger seat could not completely let go, attempting to capture the madness for unbelievers. But no one there needed attending to, not with guns and serious shuffles – "Don't fucking mess with me, motherfucker."

No – no one could believe the state, the city... the famous tombs of New Orleans siding the onramp as we quickly escaped to Baton Rouge and all points west.

"God, there are grand houses for the dead," said Bella, resigned to the truth, "but nothing for the living."

Ava Goes to the Park

Christine A. Slater

Strawberry-blond curls
almost to her chin
Bright green eyes
with lashes thickly rimmed
Tiny light freckles
across her nose and cheeks
She got them from her mother
who was also fair skinned

Her mother called her Ava
but it was just a name
Something to call her
when she said

'Ava lets go play'

She took her to the park
placed her in a swing
With a purple sweater
that read Ava
Not stitched with care
but written in runny ink

'One Under- dog
And Mommy has to go
Ava'

She took her bags
with her ticket in her hand
and she walked to the
station
where her john
waited inside
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as the bus pulled away

Still, there, Ava sat
while the swings sway
slowed
and came to a
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Trading tennis shoes for high heels:

The many shoes of Teddy Fournier

Sam Monroe
Managing Editor

When he thought about college last year, Teddy Fournier probably didn't think he would be wearing tennis shoes and high heels in the same day.

"I wasn't looking forward to this weekend for so long," Fournier said.

Fournier had one of the craziest weekends one could experience. The freshman tennis star was headed to the North Atlantic Conference Championship tournament with his team, however, Fournier also had commitments to the school play; he was to play one of the larger roles in the musical.

So the logical question is why? Why be the number one singles player and part of the number one doubles team for the tennis team, and play Angel in RENT?

"I love it," said Fournier. "I have been playing tennis for so long, if I didn't play I wouldn't know what to do with myself.

"I love being on stage,"

he said. "I've wanted to do RENT for so long, I had to jump at the chance."

Fournier, a freshman majoring in atmospheric sciences, went to the auditions for RENT knowing it would be a problem performance weekend trying to balance the play and tennis. Originally, the play was slated to open Thursday, have a performance on Friday, two on Saturday and one on Sunday. The schedule was shifted around, putting only one show on Saturday and two on Sunday.

Wednesday April 21 was the final dress rehearsal and marked the first day of Fournier's hectic five-day weekend. The tennis team had practice 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. then a workout until 5:30 p.m. Dress rehearsal, by the way, was scheduled for 6 p.m.

Thursday morning, Fournier had to take care of being a student. He had class from 9 a.m. until 2:50 p.m. straight.

"It was a pain in the butt," he says. The tennis

team had a scheduled match for 3:30 p.m. The match was cancelled at 4:30 p.m. after Green Mountain was a no show. This gave Fournier some time before opening night to do the things normal humans do, such as eat.

"It went really well," he said of opening night.

Friday Fournier was back to being a student. He had a math test early in the morning. He says he still isn't sure how he did, as he accidentally put studying off until Thursday night after the show.

Friday the tennis team was scheduled to head to Green Mountain College for a match. With Green Mountain being the weakest team in the league, the decision was made to give Fournier the night off. He stayed behind and did something he wasn't used to doing: he relaxed. The play began at 7 p.m. and as soon as it was over he jumped in a car and headed to White River Junction where he stayed the night.

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Photo by Sam Monroe

Freshman Teddy Fournier begins to serve during an indoor practice. Fournier won both of his singles matches and both of his doubles matches, with teammate and fellow freshman Mike Howard, during last Saturday's NAC semifinals and championships.

Even after season's end, there ain't no rest for the racketed

Sebastian C. Lury
Sports Editor

The men's tennis team finished second in the conference tournament and has already begun preparations for next year.

"It's been a fantastic season," said second year head coach Geoff Davison. "Our season's goal was to go one match better than last season and we lost in the semifinal last year so we achieved our season's goal. Along the way, we performed extremely well. The season has been probably better than I could have hoped for, apart from losing the championship. We had a good squad of ten players and three starting freshman in our first six and they performed extremely well. To get young players playing like that their first year of college tennis and performing so well is fantastic."

The strength of the team, according to Davison, "has been the balance of really strong freshmen with some experienced upperclassman. They've been supportive of the freshmen coming in and leading by example."

Davison sees a weakness with the program, rather than with the team itself.

"The weakness of the program is lack of practice facilities," he says. "We spend

the first six or seven weeks practicing on a basketball court without tennis lines because basketball is in season. Whereas a number of our opponents have indoor facilities so from day one they're on court. We at Lyndon struggle with that."

This difference is evident right from the start of the season.

"The early games in our schedule are indoors; so Castleton, Thomas, Green Mountain, those are always our first three matches in March when there's still snow on our courts; we play indoors those first three matches," says Davison. "Then it becomes a question of what the weather's going to do. We've had to play a whole match over at Norwich University because of the weather here. So it's up to the weather."

Davison says that the location of games doesn't dictate preparation or mentality.

"We don't do anything differently," he says. "We like to play outdoors, that's what our guys are used to when we usually do get out there. They are flexible and they respond and play their regular game whether it is indoors or out."

Davison is looking forward to the improvements the team can make for next year.

"It's a tremendous foundation over the next few years. I don't think there are weaknesses in that squad. * We're only losing two players to graduation. So we should be competitive again next year," he says.

According to Davison, the team is working on obtaining finances for a possible trip in the winter.

"We're doing a fundraiser campaign right now for the first time," he says. "We're attempting to raise funds to go during our winter break next year down south somewhere and start playing tennis outdoors, to try and compete with the rest of the conference. Three of the five teams have indoor courts. So we're trying to address that imbalance. We don't know the results of the fundraiser yet, whether that's going to happen or not, but that's our goal."

Davison explains that the fundraiser consists of each player sending out personalized requests for donations. The players send these out to family, friends, and businesses.

Outside of the fundraiser, Davison sees the team only getting better next year.

"We have a lot of returners next year and we'll have our strong freshmen who will come back as experienced col-

lege tennis players," he says. "We expect to be stronger next year and the goal will be not just to go one match better, but to win that championship match."

The team still could have some forthcoming news.

"We should have some all-conference players named within the next week," says Davison. "I would expect a couple of our players to be

all-conference selections this year."

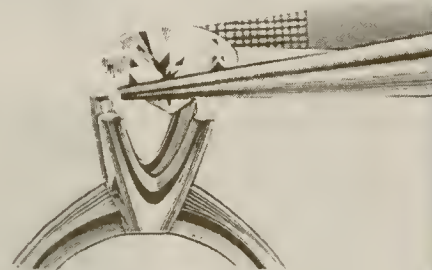
Davison had one thing he wanted to see improve for the tennis team: fan support.

"I'd like to see more people come out to watch us," he says.

The team played their final game last night at Becker College and results were not available at the time of publication.

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Lacrosse looks at daunting difficulty in NAC playoffs



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Above: Sophomore midfielder Max Ercole prepares to pass the ball up the field.

Below: Senior midfielder Kali Stoddard-Imari fights for possession of the ball in his final home game.



Sebastian C. Lury
Sports Editor

The Lyndon lacrosse team may not have won a lot of games down the stretch, but they have still made the conference playoffs.

After starting the year with back-to-back wins, the team lost six games in a row to finish the regular season. Head coach Tim Tierney says this losing streak was not due to poor play.

"It was more a strength of schedule than anything," he says. "We played harder and better teams down the stretch."

Tierney says that two of the losses could easily have gone the other way.

"There were two losses where we outplayed our opponents, but lost," he says. "I feel good about those."

Tierney says that the relatively new program at Lyndon lacks the familiarity that some teams have.

"We play really strong opponents in the conference league that we're not experienced enough to compete against."

Tierney does not foresee the team being a pushover in the playoffs.

"We're a stronger team than some of the teams above us," he says. "On any given day, a team can come out there and beat them. It's how many bullets you have in your gun."

Tierney has seen improvement in "every aspect" of the team, and "there's so many aspects to lacrosse," he says, including playing defense, moving the ball, and creating opportunities. "There's a lot of small victories out there."

Some of the players on the

team aren't familiar with lacrosse.

"We have guys who are new to the game," says Tierney, "and they're playing a lot of minutes. The more they play, the more they improve."

With the youth of the team, Tierney says that "the fundamentals are a challenge. But for not knowing lacrosse, they're doing pretty well."

According to Tierney, the goalie position has been a carousel of players. Christian Henault, who began the year as the team's goalie, has missed some games due to his pursuit of becoming a firefighter, says Tierney. Other goalies who have come through include Brad Collins, Taylor Stout, and Ed Horan, says to Tierney.

"This year," he says, "we're recruiting goalies."

Tierney says that the team has been improving their ability to clear the ball and get the ball to the offensive end. "That's been a problem."

"They're moving the ball around more comfortably when they choose to," he says.

"They're getting in position to score and playing better team defense at times."

The fact that the team made the playoffs after only a few years in existence has made an impact on Tierney.

"It's impressive for a young program," he says.

The lacrosse team will enter the playoffs as the eighth and final seed and will play on the road at Mount Ida College tomorrow at 1 p.m.

In order to win, however, Tierney says that the team "will have to play to their highest degree."

Some victories aren't on the scoreboard:

Softball sees small signs of success

Nick Russo
Critic Staff

The softball season came to a close this past weekend as the struggling squad returned from a road trip to Maine.

Lyndon softball has faced a difficult challenge this season, with virtually no pitching staff and an extremely young team to nurture. Only five players returned to action from last year's team.

Junior captain Natalia Shams has been one of the team's biggest assets this year. The third baseman did double duty as one of the team's two pitchers alongside Katelyn Willey this year. Shams said one of the team's biggest problems this season was the lack of a pitching staff.

"The past two years it's been a problem because we

haven't had pure pitchers, we've had position players who pitch," she said. "Katelyn has pitched in the past, and I've sort of pitched but not as I did this year as a starting pitcher. Next year I know we're getting new pitchers so it should be better."

In spite of softball's 2-12 conference record, sophomore left fielder Michelle Wilcox said the team is pleased with the progress they made this year.

"It was unfortunate that we did not make the playoffs, but I thought it ended well considering everyone was working on what they were improving on," said Wilcox. "Our record wasn't great, but as a team you're always trying to improve no matter what your record is."

Shams echoed this sentiment, saying the team saw a "huge improvement from

where we ended compared to where we started off."

Looking ahead to next year, Wilcox and Shams are both excited about the team's prospects.

"The team has a recruiting program and budget that they're initiating this year, so hopefully with that the assistant coach and head coach will be able to travel more," says Wilcox. "Next year everyone will have those freshmen nerves out of the way, and with the new recruits coming in, we'll be a much better team."

With another year of experience under their belt, the 2011 softball team will almost certainly be a more prepared ball club. Although this season was far from one of Lyndon's most successful, the team has a bright outlook. As many slumping sports teams have said, there's always next year.



Senior first basemen Ben Clark prepares to catch the pickoff on baseball's Senior Day last Sunday. Photo by Sam Monroe

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Spring Dip with a new twist

Sarah Aube
News Correspondent

The fourth annual Spring Dip is coming up, with a twist.

The Spring Dip, which will take place on May 5, is an event put on by the Faculty and Staff Scholarship Committee. Hannah Manley, Director of Alumni Relations, brought this idea to the committee after working on the Penguin Plunge in Newport.

"We liked the idea, especially because it creates this brief and fun event at the most stressful time of the spring," said Pat Webster, member of the Faculty and Staff Scholarship Committee.

At the Spring Dip, individual students, groups, and faculty and staff members will all be jumping into the library pond to raise money for scholarships. Participants are all encouraged to be creative and wear costumes, though it is not required.

This year the Spring Dip has also incorporated the Faculty & Staff Commitment to Support Lyndon Students campaign. This is a program that is encouraging every member of the faculty and staff to donate money, even just a dollar, to anything that benefits the school and the students.

If by May 1, 90 percent of faculty and staff members

contribute; Dean Wayne Hamilton will jump into the pond at the Spring Dip, if 95 percent contribute, Dean Donna Dalton will jump in, and if 100 percent contribute, President Carol Moore will jump into the pond.

"The focus is not as much on amount (of money) as it is on participation," said Bob Whittaker, Dean of Institutional Advancement, of the campaign. "That way we can quantify that commitment that we already know our faculty and staff have."

Whittaker wants to be able to tell potential donors that our own faculty and staff contribute to the school 100 percent. He said this is so they can have numbers showing them what we already know — that the faculty and staff are very committed to bettering LSC and the education students receive.

"If we can get a few more contributors in the Faculty and Staff campaign to support Lyndon students," said Webster, "People will have the unparalleled pleasure of seeing LSC's highest level administrators splashing in with the other participants."

Currently 61 percent of the faculty and staff have contributed to the school, which seems low compared to the 100 percent goal. However, Whittaker remains confident in the fact that the campaign

will receive 100 percent participation.

"The goal is to keep it fun," said Whittaker, "and to bring faculty, staff, and students together to celebrate the success of the students."

The whole event is very quick, taking approximately an hour total. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. by HAC and the dip in the library pond is at 12:30 p.m.

It costs ten dollars to participate, but you needn't worry if you are flat-out broke.

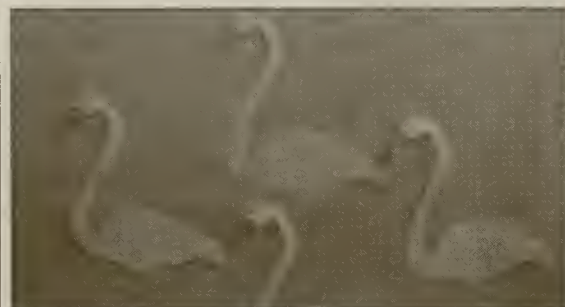
Webster is offering to sponsor five brave souls that are willing to do the dip. If anyone is interested, they can contact her at the library.

Webster says the dip itself is no big deal.

"I was anticipating the worst here, but because of the exceptionally warm spring last year, it felt like bath water to me," she said. "It was no problem at all. I was delightfully surprised."

Everyone who participates gets a Dunking Donuts coupon, groups can win a pizza party from Aramark, and there is a prize for the best costume.

LSC gets flocked



Flamingos decorate doors around campus Photo by Aimee Lawton

Aimee Lawton
Entertainment Editor

Members of the Lyndon Strikers have been making the campus a bit pinker.

For the past two weeks, the Lyndon Strikers have been selling paper flamingos as a fundraiser to benefit their club. President Mike Michaud says that the idea for the fundraiser was modeled off of a fundraiser being held at his sister's high school.

"My sister gave me the idea because at her high school, they put flamingos on people's yards and they have to pay to have them removed," Michaud said. "I adapted the idea to be able to use it in the residence halls."

Michaud said that the flamingo sales helped raise

over \$200 that would be used for club expenses. This is enough to fully support the club's bowling costs for two weeks, and still leaves them a little money to spare.

He also said there were about 100 participants consisting of both faculty and students, and that members of the strikers have hung about 1,000 flamingos on many doors around campus.

"It has been hard work cutting them out, but it has been a lot of fun," Michaud said.

Michaud added that he would like to thank everyone who has helped support the Strikers this year, and he looks forward to this again next year, as they would like to make it an annual fundraiser for the club.

Fournier's Shoes

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At 7 a.m. he woke up and drove the rest of the way to Castleton State College for the Championship tournament. The first match was at 10 a.m. against Johnson State College; the team won the match to advance. The next match was scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. Head coach Geoff Davison worked to push the match up, and it was moved a whole 15 minutes earlier. Fournier and doubles partner Mike Howard won 8-2.

"Mike destroyed them, and it really elevated my game," Fournier said. The doubles match ended at 3:18 p.m. It was time for his singles match. The rules state that you are allowed a 15-minute break between matches but, "no one ever takes the full time," Fournier joked. Well, on this day, his opponent would want the full time. "He dragged it out as long as possible," Fournier said. But Lyndon's number one would get the best of his

opponent. He won the match and had to rush back to the Lyndon State College campus for a 7 p.m. show. His team would lose the match and would finish as the runner-up in the NAC.

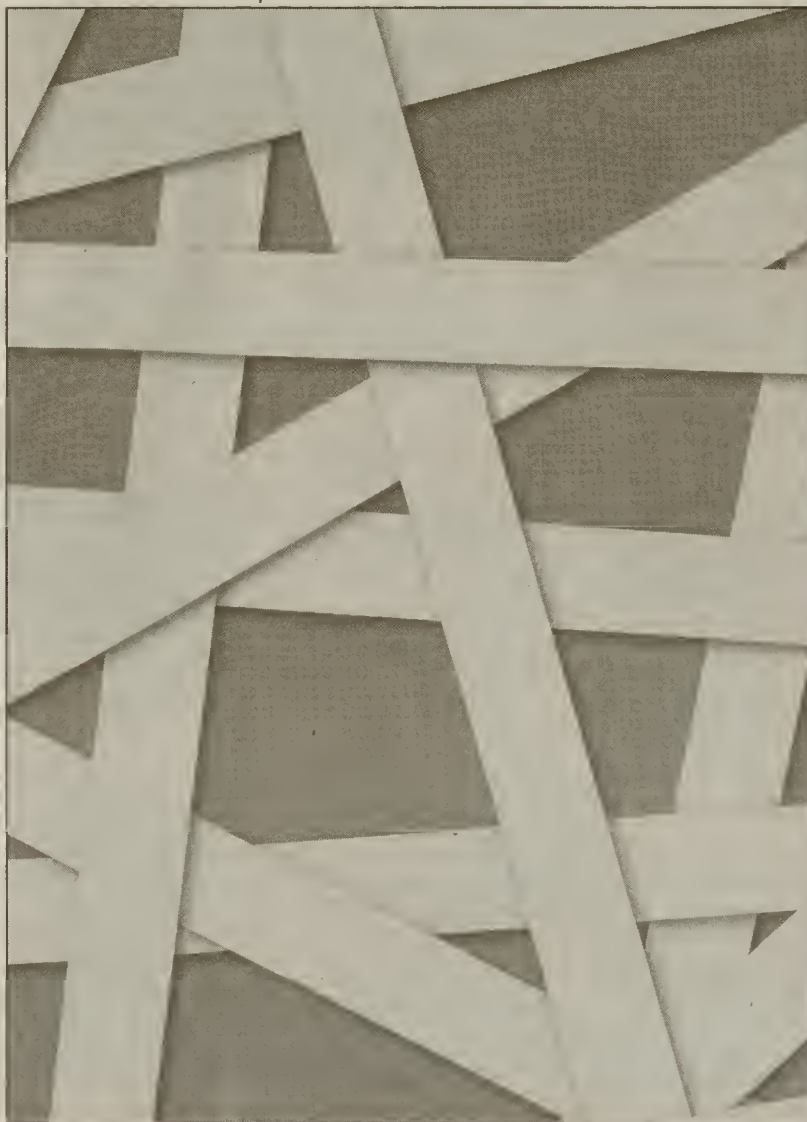
Fournier jumped in the car and started the two hour trip back to LSC.

"The GPS said I would be back at 6:57 p.m.," said Fournier. He made it back to LSC at 6:20 p.m. and was ready for the first act with twenty minutes to spare. All he had left after the show was two more shows on Sunday.

"I'm glad the weekend is over," he said, but he said he would miss both tennis and the play. Now Fournier has some time to spare.

He passed credit off onto his head coach, Geoff Davison, and director, Melissa Leonard. Fournier said that both of them were helpful and understanding with his schedule and time.

"It's upsetting it is over, but now I have time," Fournier said.

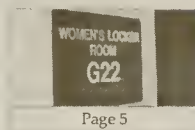


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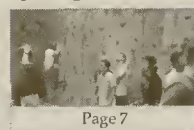
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Dean fired, Moore looking to future

Sam Monroe
Critic Editor

The President of Lyndon State College is confident that with a new plan, the admissions department will be able to rebound from the dip in numbers that cost the Dean of Admissions and Marketing her job this past summer.

Patricia Krahnke was fired from her job at LSC when her department failed to match last year's numbers.

"In an overview, it became clear last spring that we were not on track with our admissions efforts," Lyndon President Carol Moore said.

"She and I realized it wasn't the best fit and we moved on," said Moore about the decision to release Krahnke.

On August 31 the numbers for admissions were still down. New student deposits were down 12.1 percent and applicants for the 2010-2011 school year were down just under eight percent from the 2009-2010 academic year.

One admissions counselor was fired as well and another left to take another job.

Business professor Mark Hilton will be taking over part of Krahnke's job on interim basis until the position is filled later this year. He will be advising the admissions department. Keith Chamberlin will start on Sept. 15 as the new director of marketing.

Krahnke was unable to be reached for comment.

"Mark along with the admissions team has a plan in place for this year," said Moore, "I'm confident this is a good plan and will get us back on track."

Since Hilton took over admissions numbers have improved.

Hilton says he is just there to coordinate the staff and come up with ideas.

"The counselors and supports staff have worked extremely hard," Hilton said,

"The increase is their work."

The admissions department has also hired two new staff members to replace the two counselors. Brya Emery will take over as the assistant director of admissions, while Lyndsay Bisaccio will take over as an admissions counselor. Emery is a 2007 graduate of VTC. Bisaccio graduated from St. Lawrence University in 2009. Both will begin an "aggressive fall travel season," in the coming weeks, according to the admissions department.

Hilton and the rest of the staff are ready to put this year's numbers behind them and begin working on next year's.

"The elements are there to have a great class next year," said Hilton.

The admissions office space is still under construction and is on schedule to be completed sometime this month, according to Hilton. The space will allow the counselors their own offices to discuss matters with incoming students and it will give a better feel to the office said Hilton.

The admissions web site has also experienced some construction this year. Hilton says the web page is now easier to navigate and makes for a better experience when searching for information about Lyndon.

"It's a little more navigation friendly and it makes it more effective," he said.

As of Sept. 3, 462 new students have made deposits committing to Lyndon, although it is 73 deposits shy of last year's 536 on Sept. 3.

Even with the drop off in first year students Moore is confident the college will reach its goal of 1,600 students within the next three years. Last year the enrollment was 1515. The enrollment numbers for the 2010-2011 school year are not currently available due to possible late enrollments.



Carol Moore celebrates rock wall grand opening by being first up the wall
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Photo by Bryan Barber

Second Century campaign receives million dollar gift

Aimee Lawton
News Editor

Lyndon State College is \$1 million closer to its Second Century campaign goal of \$10 million, thanks to a donation from Carhartt.

"The campaign is known as 'A New View: The Second Century Campaign'," said Bob Whittaker, dean of institutional advancement in an e-mail, "We have been planning and developing this \$10 million comprehensive fundraising campaign over the past five years and publically launched the campaign on July 17."

The campaign has currently raised \$6.6 million, and hopes to raise the remaining funds for the campaign and meet the \$10 million goal by the end of 2011 because that will coincide with the 100th birthday of the college, according to Dr. Donna Dalton, dean of academic and student Affairs in an e-mail.

The donation from Carhartt is being used to make several renovations to the campus.

One of the ways that this gift is being used is for the construction and creation of the Carhartt Advising Center, located in the library near Academic Support. In addition to the center, Whittaker said that the gift will be used to help the college fund scholarships for Lyndon's Promise Scholarship program, purchase property adjacent to campus, and cover costs associated with the campaign.

Assistant Academic Dean Debra Hale, said in an e-mail that the center is still in a developmental stage, but will be a good resource for students. Currently, it is home to Kate Gold, Student Success Specialist, and Linda Wacholder, the director of career services. Donna Keely, director of first year experience will soon be moving there along with the

peer leaders.

"Students who are in the Gateway program, students looking for help from Career Services, work study students looking for on-campus jobs, and Explorations students are the primary focus right now," Hale said, "However, the services are and will be expanding as we receive input from both students and faculty as to the resources that they would like to see this center provide."

In addition, Hale said that students will be able to go to the center for pre-advising assistance, to use career services for help with choosing a major, and for assistance in changing a major. She added that the center will eventually be there for transfer and first year students to use for help with their transition into the college.

The grand opening for the Carhartt Advising Center will take place in October.

New SGA executive board travels to D.C.; makes plans for upcoming year

Madison Cox
Managing Editor

As the fall semester begins, the Student Government Association is under new leadership.

SGA president John Kleinhans (last year's secretary) has taken over the post previously held by Andrew Chapin. Joining Kleinhans are Vice President Rachel Keller, Secretary Chris Shadrock, and Treasurer Miranda Bushey. They are planning to continue with projects that last year's executive board put into place, as well as bringing forth their own ideas.

"Once the elected representatives are elected, we will be forming SGA committees which essentially mock the staff and faculty committees," Kleinhans said in an e-mail, "We will also continue the green initiative that the former executive board worked so hard these past two years on."

Shadrock would like to see changes to the way SGA meetings are held.

"One thing I am hoping to see done is an audio recording of each SGA meeting posted on the website," he said, "That way students who cannot attend can still be in the loop and it makes people accountable for the words and actions."

Kleinhans, Keller, and Shadrock all have previous histories with the SGA at Lyndon. Kleinhans was an elected representative during his

freshman year and the secretary of the executive board last year. Keller has been an elected representative for the past two years, as a well as a part of numerous committees associated with the SGA. Shadrock was a representative of the Campus Activities Board and has been an elected representative for the last year and a half. This is Bushey's first year associating with SGA.

To prepare for the challenge of leading the SGA, the members of the executive board traveled to Washington, D.C. for the NACA Student Government East Institute in July. This annual conference gives student government leaders from around the country a chance to meet with one another and offer advice and tips to improve their own way of running things.

Kleinhans, Keller, Shadrock, and Bushey separated into small groups with other students who held their same positions in government. They discussed Lyndon's SGA and took advice as well.

The ideas the executive board brought back with them include goal-setting techniques, new ways of budgeting, and advertising to make the SGA at Lyndon productive.

"I believe that our student government is a great resource for the students at Lyndon State College," Kleinhans said.

Adding, dropping classes may be costly

Erin Milne
News Correspondent

Some LSC students may find themselves paying the college a little extra this fall thanks to a newly-reinstated fee.

The Vermont State Colleges recently approved the return of Lyndon's add/drop fee, which was eliminated in 2003. The \$18 fee applies to students who decide to add or drop a class after the add/drop period ends. The add/drop period includes any time prior to the start of class and up to the end of the first week of classes.

Sheilah Ladd, controller at LSC, says the goal of the fee is to save the school money. To change a class after the add/drop period ends, a student must obtain a special form from Student Services, have his or her advisor sign it, and then return it to Student Services. This process takes

time for both advisors and administrators, and Ladd says the fee is an attempt to acknowledge this.

Ladd also hopes the fee will be an incentive for students to make their class changes during the add/drop period, when they can do it online through VSC Web Services for free.

"We are not trying to inflict another fee just for the sake of having another fee," Ladd said.

According to Ladd, the fee, which is charged by other schools in the VSC system, has not yet caused any major controversy, though she did receive an e-mail from one student who was concerned about how the fee worked.

Student opinions about the fee appear mixed. Many students have not yet heard of the fee or are neutral on the issue.

Justin Chenette, a sophomore electronic journalism

arts major, felt the fee was a good idea. He said there should be a set time in which students can add and drop classes, and there should be a penalty for making changes after that. He called changing classes later in a semester "disruptive" and said he would not want to start a class half way through a semester.

Reva Petrosky, a sophomore music business major, said of the fee, "I'm definitely not for it." She felt that it is hard for students to know right away whether or not they will like a class and thought they should be able to change classes whenever they want to without having to pay.

The fee is due when the add/drop form is received in Student Services. Students may pay by cash or credit card, or have the fee charged to their accounts.



The class of 2014

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Customers or criminals?

Robert Patton
Critic staff

Because of increased losses of costly college equipment and supplies, students will no longer be allowed to bring bags or backpacks into classrooms, computer labs, art studios, and the library. Until shelving is installed, Students may leave backpacks on hallway floors outside rooms. Officially enrolled students may bring up to two textbooks and one notebook into their classes

Oops, sorry, these rules only apply to facilities operated by corporations operating for-profit enterprises on campus.

You may have received a recent email reporting the first major theft of student property this semester. The same email reminded you that you may not bring bags into the dining hall. Of course, there's a good reason for this. If students could bring bags into the place where they take meals, pilferage of bagels might result, or hot dogs, or even an occasional hamburger.

Because of the extremely low cost of meal plans and the extraordinarily high quality of food served, profit margins are extremely low. Even a modest increase in bagel consumption could easily tip the operation into the red.

From this point of view, the loss of textbooks and an occasional laptop is a small price to pay for the continued profitability of the dining hall, especially since laptop replacement costs are borne by students rather than dining hall management.

There have been suggestions that the dining hall provide security for the tens of thousands of dollars in student property deposited on unguarded shelves every day, but practical considerations rule this out. The cost of minimum wage personnel to watch the shelves could easily exceed the potential bagel losses. Then too, providing security would expose the din-

ing hall to liability in the event of theft.

A similar policy is followed by the bookstore which also operates on a slim margin because of the incredibly low prices of the textbooks they sell and the exceptionally high prices paid to students who sell those texts back when courses are completed.

Have you noticed that these rigid security policies are only found necessary by businesses which operate on campus under contracts which give them virtual monopolies in their subjective areas?

What buffet restaurant requires diners to leave bags at the door? What bookstore im-

poses such a requirement on customers: How long would such a restaurant or bookstore stay in business? Not very long. Most people do not like to be treated like criminals.

Students, of course, don't have the luxury of demanding respect from on-campus businesses. But isn't it time for students to demand fair and respectful treatment from private companies that are making millions while their student customers typically pile up debt loads in the mid to high five-figure range? When a business enjoys substantial profits from serving customers, shouldn't that business treat those customers with respect?

Best wishes for the new year

To the Editor:

The new year has begun and for some the work is probably already starting to pile up. However, even though it may seem like every free moment is spent writing papers, reading hundreds of pages of books or scouring the NEK as part of a scavenger hunt, make sure you take the time to have fun.

Despite what your parents might tell you or the college says, there are things more important than burying your face in a book or staring at a computer screen for hours on end to make sure you don't have any comma splices in your paper. As surprising as it may seem—and I never really appreciated this little fact—college does end and so does a significant amount of your blissful irresponsibility.

Now before some of you interpret this as an excuse to spend the majority of your college days in a permanently altered state of mind, that's not entirely what I'm saying. The real trick to getting away

with what some call "bad behavior" is to distract the nay sayers by doing well in all other aspects of your life. Go to class, do your work (or most of it at least, it's an imperfect world after all) and become a contributing member of the college society. That being said, at the end of the day there is nothing wrong with throwing back a few beers (or a few dozen); just make sure you have a reliable buddy who can tip you on your side if you start vomiting.

At this point most of you are probably starting to get bored so I'll wrap this up. I wish I could give you an insightful bit of wisdom to carry with you throughout your college career but I can't so instead I'll leave you with a few words from George Burns: "Don't stay in bed, unless you can make money in bed." Good luck to all of you and have a great year.

Sincerely,
Ben Holbrook

What the funk is going on?

Your Weekly Musings from a Maniacal Music Man

Brian Lacharite
Critic Columnist

Greetings and salutations my fellow Lyndon peers. If you've been scanning through The Critic, and happened to be lucky enough to stumble upon this column, well you're in for a real treat. There is no turning back now, or flipping forward, or wearing this paper as a hat, or whatever people do with newspapers these days. Hopefully, if you are one of those rare souls who actually get their news and views from print, you'll allow me a moment to introduce myself properly.

My birth name is Brian Michael Lacharite. Actually wait, come to think of it, that's the only name I have. Anyways, moving forward, I am pleased to be joining The Critic as their resident analyst, curmudgeon, sage, and overall wiseass. Each week

I'll be serving up my views, observations, and overall final thoughts on life around campus, The Northeast Kingdom, and The Universe at large. I am a first year Music Business and Industry major here at LSC, so therefore that somehow makes me uniquely qualified to talk about anything and everything, music related or not. Don't ask me why, it just does.

Now that all the rigmarole of introducing myself is out of the way, let's get down to business. First off let me say how wonderful it is to be attending LSC. Our campus might possibly be the most gorgeous one in the entire state. We are truly blessed to be located in the heart of the NEK. That being said, what's the deal with there being no bike racks on campus? I mean, what the funk is going on? Day one, all I wanted to do was lock my bike somewhere, but alas, no one could

help me. Apparently Wheelock has less space for bikes than Manhattan has for Mosques. And I guess Public Safety has an issue with people locking their bikes to rails, poles, or any number of the various trees surrounding campus. Maybe they're afraid the trees will rise up Ent style and use our bikes as weapons. Whatever the reason for the lack of safe places to store our bikes, it will have to be examined closer in a future article. This is an issue I will not let go to rest. That is a promise I am making right here and now to my fellow mountain bike, BMX, and road bikers.

Unfortunately I believe I am out of time and space at the moment. My editor is giving me the cut off signal. I hope you've all had a great first week here. Remember to study hard, party responsibly, and watch out for those bears.

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What do you think of the new \$18 fee for students to drop a class after Sept. 14?



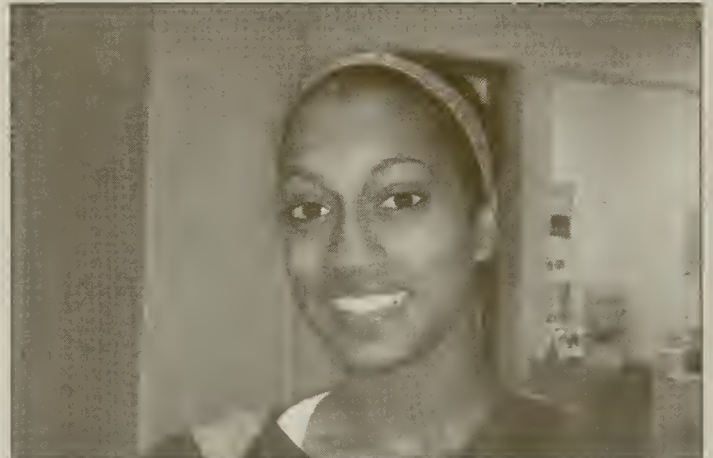
Nick Barnets, senior in television studies: "I think it is ridiculous. I think it is just another way for them to extract money out of us."



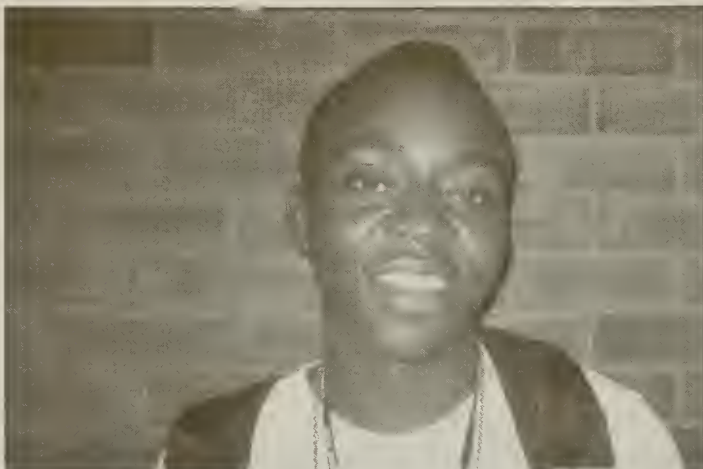
Sam Cuello, mountain recreation management: "It's fair. If people are going to take a class, they should do it or have to pay."



George Ramos, senior in television studies: "Kids should be able to sign up, no matter what."



Michelle Wilcox, junior in television studies: "A little expensive and another way for the school to make money unnecessarily."



Patrice Lumumba, sophomore in human services and business: "I don't think it's fair. We pay enough for school, so I don't think it's fair to pay for dropping classes."



Julie Trebilcock, freshman, undecided: "It's pretty annoying. I guess you should be able to drop a class without a fee."

Coming to a bed near you?

Justin Golschneider
Critic Staff

A recent infestation of bed bugs at Lyndon Institute proves that they're not just a nursery rhyme anymore.

According to last Thursday's Caledonian-Record, two rooms in a Lyndon Institute dormitory were recently proven to be infested with bed bugs. The whole building was treated to kill any insects that might have escaped detection.

The students living in the dormitory had to be evacuated for the extermination, and were sent to a motel to wait out the process. However, when the motel discov-

ered that they were fleeing a bed bug infestation, they were turned away. Beverly Dame, LI's spokeswoman, was quoted in the newspaper as saying that the students were staying "in temporary housing on the Lyndon Institute campus" while the problem was taken care of.

Unfortunately, Lyndon Institute isn't the only place to suffer from a bed bug problem. According to a report by Vermont Public Radio earlier this year, bed bug "infestations are up 71 percent" across the entirety of the US. They are extremely difficult to exterminate, as they can hide in the smallest cracks and are almost immune to most pesti-

cides. The one upside is that they do not transmit diseases – they pose no danger greater than discomfort.

All the same, nobody wants to live in a bed bug-infested residence hall, or to get evacuated from their room only to have no place to sleep. What would happen if bed bugs were to appear at LSC?

"If someone does see anything that resembles, or if they're concerned about bed bugs, they should contact their RA immediately," said Director of Student Life Jonathan Davis. If there turned out to be real evidence of a problem, professionals would be brought in to determine the extent of the situa-

tion, then "do what it takes" to eliminate it. If rooms had to be evacuated for the procedure, then the students from those rooms would most likely sleep in the gymnasium until the extermination was completed, according to Davis. The fitness center would be used for showers.

For now, students should avoid doing things that increase the chances of a bed bug infestation at LSC, such as bringing in off-campus furniture or buying cloth goods at garage sales. Anything that could carry bed bugs, including suitcases and backpacks, should be inspected before returning from an off-campus location.

"What we don't want to have happen... is if a student sees a mosquito [and] suddenly starts screaming that they have bed bugs," said Davis. So make certain you have real reason to believe there are bed bugs in your room before you report it – otherwise, you'll just cause you, your RA, and your neighbors undue stress.

For more information about identifying and preventing bed bug infestations, go to the Student Life office in the Rita Bole complex and pick up one of their brochures on bed bugs, or visit the Vermont Department of Health website at healthvermont.gov.

Class cuts affect students

Candice Kopec
Critic Staff

Last spring, many LSC students were affected by unanticipated class cancellations due to financial reasons.

These unexpected cuts affected students and their potential careers, as well as faculty. In regards to the epidemic, Carol A. Moore has made an "agreement" towards the students and faculty in hopes that this will not happen again; although, some are less hopeful.

This agreement states that the dean of academic and student affairs will present the

parameters for the departmental development of the schedule.

Those parameters will then be sent to the department chairs, providing enough time for the chairs to discuss with department faculty and collectively come up with a recommended schedule and following the curricular needs of the department.

Given that information, a course schedule will be compiled, published, and then made available to the student body.

Students will be given a standard early-registration deadline to sign up for

classes, being two weeks after the end of priority registration. However, based on enrollments at that deadline, a revision of the already published course schedule may take place.

Initial class cancellations may begin in early April for fall semester and in early December for spring semester if necessary.

In view of the contract, who gains from this agreement and who believes this is helpful to the student's individual and professional success? Not only does this agreement lack to consider first year students, transfer

students, and restricting departments to grow in number, yet it doesn't assure anyone that this won't happen again. In sight of the students, this "agreement" is saying that it can very well happen again.

This contract doesn't give LSC enrollment much room to grow, possibly just decrease over time. How is LSC expected to simply maintain enrollment or increase graduation rates bearing in mind that course schedules are limited and unreliable? Given that 500 out of 1,500 students are new to LSC, where exactly do they fit into this conformity?

Faulty pumps close locker rooms

Madison Cox
Managing Editor

Students looking to shower after exercising in the fitness center Wednesday could not use the locker rooms following an issue with water pumps.

"The pumps are very old and worn out," Director of Facilities Tom Archer said. Archer said the pumps are the originals that were included with the fitness center.

Because of the pump issue, the men's and women's locker rooms were closed to students on Wednesday and Thursday while a temporary pump was being installed. There will only be one pump for all the showers, toilets, and sinks until a new system is in place permanently.

Archer was unsure of when the new system will be installed, which is pending when suppliers are available.

"It won't be overnight," he said.

Archer said the locker rooms are currently open for students to change and store their clothing in while they use the fitness center, and that by the end of Thursday, they should be able to use the showers and restrooms as well.

Welcome back...to fantasy

Noah Fink
Critic Columnist

Welcome back everyone. As people will notice, there are many new faces (or printed letters, arranged in an artful manor, that people have come to know as names) that are appearing in the pages of the Critic, and I happen to be one of them. Although I am not new to campus, I have been here for fi-ffruuvvmm-phrum years (got to love onomatopoeia), this is my first attempt at writing for a publication. It is my hope that throughout this academic year people I will have a little help and input from not only my fellow columnists, but also from you the readers.

I want to write about topics that will appeal to a wide range of our student population. We have a great web site that people can post questions and write letters to the editor, however; I want readers to talk to me more directly. In

order to do this in an organized manor, I have created a Facebook group (hopefully by the time you read this) that anyone within the LSC community can join and post whatever topics or thoughts that are on your mind.

With these postings, I will choose one or two of the topics that seem to be the more popular within the community, and add my perspective. The name of the Fb page is "Noah's Critic Discussion Board," so add this as your group and we can get started on some discussions. Use me as your vessel, your spiritual guide, your Sherpa that will help you navigate your voice.

Now that that business is over, it is on to what I really want to talk about; the great American tradition of fantasy.....football!

Football, specifically NFL football, is somewhat of an obsession in our culture. People make cross country pilgrimages to stadiums for a three hour game. Spend large

portions of their pay check on merchandise that is only acceptable in thirty one other venues. Call in sick to plan the perfect Monday Night Football party. People have even been known to go as far as missing the birth of their baby (to be fair to women, if they did not have to squeeze out a living being, they might choose to skip out if the AFC championship game coincides with the due date). People have even created a fantasy world that allows people to be the coach of their very own pigskin team.

To me, fantasy involves dragons, castles and maidens. The characters usually involve a Gandolf, a Frodos, and maybe an Aragorns or two, not Mannings, Favres and Bradys. These football players however, have captured the minds of millions of Americans and are major parts of their wildest fantasies (some however might include Tom Brady's wife in their fantasies as well).

When the fall comes people look forward to how they can craft a team that can win their respective leagues. People spend hours researching players, and their statistical tendencies, trying to find the right combination that will give them the most points at the end of each week. While my position on fantasy football might seem to oppose the practice, I am actually fascinated impressed at how people become so invested in an imaginary team. I have never seen such dedication in person until on one of my friends came up to me, excitement clearly evident in his eyes, showing me a picture of his roster on his cell phone. Literally on his cellular device. I mean if that is not dedication, then I do not know what is. So to all of you fantasy ballers out there keep it up, hold you heads up high, and remember that your fantasy world is just as real as Frodo's.

LSC women's soccer going for the goal

Nick Russo
Critic Staff

The women's soccer team has much to prove this year after a disappointing finish to their 2009 effort.

After their first four contests this year the team is sporting a winning record of 2-1-1. They opened up the season at home in impressive fashion with a 10-1 victory over Regis College. While coach Elles admits Regis "wasn't the greatest competition", she was still pleased with how well they performed. Since then, they have gone on to a 4-0 shutout win over Morrisville St., a 2-2 tie with SUNY Cobleskill, and a tough 5-0 loss to Lasell (a powerhouse team) on Wednesday the 8th.

Second year coach Wendy Elles is forging the path ahead for a team with much promise and talent. The team dropped seven out of their last eight contests last season and finished just shy of making the NAC postseason. Their floundering finish was due in large part to injuries to two of their most prominent starters, junior Naomi White and Michelle Wilcox, who was recently named NAC player of the week in the season's first week.

With both of these veteran players healthy and ready to go alongside fellow juniors Jesi Amsden, goalie Samantha Smith, and sophomore Abby Fadden, the team is expecting to have success. The returners will also be backed up by an influx of talented new players.

"I'm super excited about the freshman; we have three other new players that aren't freshman and they bring some good technical and tactical skills" said coach Elles. "The new players will be great additions and to be honest, it doesn't even feel like they're new at this point."

Elles says the team has great work ethic and attitude thus far, and "has great team chemistry." She thinks the women will be ready for conference play at the end of the month and are playing some strong competition in the early season to get ready. "Overall team defense is the area we need to focus on, committing to not allowing opponents to score against us."

Elles expects playing tough teams and losing games early on will be a silver lining for Lyndon because it will prepare them for their well-matched NAC opponents. She has set a goal for the season of simply making it to the postseason and taking it from there. "The team has a lot of fight and energy because of not making playoffs last year" Elles said. The team will have their next opportunity to display that energy against Becker College at home on Saturday at 1pm.

LSC is now NCAA Div.-III

Nick Russo
Critic Staff

For athletic director Chris Ummer and the Lyndon State administration, the path to acceptance into the NCAA Division III has been both a long and smooth process.

Students and faculty recently gathered for a ceremony to celebrate the college's official acceptance into the NCAA. For the last two years, the college has essentially been conducting itself as a full NCAA Division III member, with one exception. "We've basically done everything a division III school does with the exception of having the opportunity to go to the postseason beyond conference play" said Ummer at the ceremony. "Now when we qualify, we will be able to do that and compete in the regional tournament championship."

The men's cross-country team, coached by Ummer himself, is poised to be the first team to take advantage of this new opportunity. In a pre-season poll of NAC conference coaches regarding their cross-country championship predictions, Lyndon earned the most points, 48, with 6 first place votes.

Ummer has been the most instrumental person in making Lyndon's acceptance in the division happen, and Dean of Academic and Student Affairs Donna Dalton made it a point to thank him at the ceremony. "Every project needs a leader and a big cheerleader who is willing to stick with it. I started seven years ago with Lyndon and when I started, this was an idea that was on the ground being talked about...what will we have to do to get into NCAA division III," says Dalton.

"Coach Ummer did thousands of things that you can't see. The NCAA is a little bit like the IRS as far as I'm concerned, they've got ten thousand rules and regulations and they make sure you do everything exactly right before they give you their blessing," Dalton said.

Lyndon's acceptance into the division speaks volumes about the direction our athletic department is headed, and is a key part of the school's commitment to grow in size. Ummer mentioned that the school will be exploring the possibility of constructing a turf field sometime in the future, though in a post-ceremony interview he said it will probably be 5-7 years until it comes to fruition. A turf field would allow athletes to practice in a wider variety of weather conditions.

For now, however, student-athletes and fans can take pride in knowing that the school has joined one of the most prestigious college-level divisions in the country.



Samantha Bergeron at home against Regis College

Photo By Sam Monroe



Moore breaks in rock wall

Nick Russo
Critic Staff

There are many things students expect to see President Carol Moore do at the college; climbing a rock wall is not one of them.

However, that's just what she did this past Wednesday afternoon.

"We are here to commemorate this wonderful new climbing wall. I got myself into a lot of hot water because they egged me on and asked if I would do it; they caught me in a weak moment," Moore said prior to climbing the rock wall at its grand opening ceremony. "We're going to give it the old college try."

J.C. Norlan prepared a special "El Presedente" route for Moore to climb. After a quick lesson in rock climbing from recreation management instructor Jamie Struck, Moore was on her way, and was belayed by student James Marsh. In a few short minutes, she made it all the way to the second-to last rung and had to stop because it was just a little too far to reach. As Moore descended down the wall, she proclaimed Marsh "gets an A in all his courses".

"It wasn't as bad as I

thought" she said shortly after getting her feet back on the ground. "I agreed to climb the wall because the students asked me to," Moore said of her agreement to climb the wall. She said she would attempt climbing it a second time and hopefully make it all the way to the top.

The wall was open to students for a period at the end of last year. "We had it opened last year and called it sort of our 'soft' opening last year when we were open two nights a week, this year we're entering a new system where we will have students trained to monitor the wall" said project leader Jamie Struck. "SGA did an amazing job of gifting about \$7,000 towards the wall, which helped push it over the top and then the administration came up with the rest."

"The wall was completed in February by leading edge climbing walls, and the contractor finished it in about six weeks starting in January," said Struck. "A few students have been officially certified, we will plan on having climbing wall instructors and monitors and students will use it as a part of their practicum."



President Moore thanks James Marsh as he helps her reach the bottom in one piece Photo by Bryan Barber

Wilcox, Gray named NAC players of the week



Michelle Wilcox in action.

Michelle Wilcox, a junior midfielder on the Lyndon women's soccer team, and Jason Gray, the goalkeeper for the men's soccer program, have been named North Athletic Conference Players of the Week in their respective sports for the period ending Sunday, Sept. 5.

Wilcox, an Enosburgh Falls graduate and a resident of Sheldon, Vt., erupted for six goals in the Hornet's first three games of the 2010 season. She scored two goals in Lyndon's season-opening 10-1 victory over Regis College on Wednesday, Sept. 1 and three days later, Wilcox found the back

of the net three times as the Hornets white-washed Morrisville State by a score of 4-0.

She ended the week by converting a penalty kick in a 2-2 tie at SUNY Cobleskill on Sunday. Wilcox currently has 12 points on the season and has taken 17 shots thus far with 11 finding their way on goal.

Gray, a Thetford Academy alumnus who hails from East Thetford, Vt., made an immediate impact on the Hornet men's program as its starting goalie, recording two wins and one shutout in the first three games of the campaign.

He made nine saves in a 1-1 overtime tie with New Hampshire Tech on Wednesday, Sept. 1 before turning aside 13 shots in a 2-0 road victory over Morrisville State on Saturday. Gray closed out the period by making three saves in a 3-1 win at SUNY Cobleskill on Sunday.

Thus far on the season, he has played a total of 290 minutes with a goals-against-average of 0.62. Gray collected a total of 25 saves in the week for a saves percentage of .926.

NAC adds two new teams in 2011-2012

Nick Russo
Critic Staff

Prepare to see two new conference opponents visit Lyndon starting in the fall of 2011. Colby-Sawyer and New England College have both been approved for entry into the NAC in the 2011-2012 season and will provide fresh competition in the expanding conference.

It hasn't been long since Lyndon joined the conference as a full member back in the fall of 2008. These two teams, Colby-Sawyer and New Eng-

land College pose new challenges to our athletic teams, but it appears as though for the most part those two schools will be evenly matched with Lyndon.

Athletic Director Chris Ummer said "Colby-Sawyer will probably across the board be a strong institution athletically. I don't think that New England College will be as talented. Each school will have strengths and weaknesses. Each school will have teams that we will compete against very well, baseball, probably soccer and X/C."

In early 2010 New England College and Colby-Sawyer started searching for a new conference to join, and the NAC ended up being a perfect fit. "The conference that they are presently in (Commonwealth Coast Conference) will be breaking up, and we found out sometime last May that these two schools had applied (to the NAC)," said Ummer.

"These two schools fit the NAC's layout very well, and we think their athletic talent structure is similar to ours, their sports are comparable to ours as well" says Ummer. "We've

had other schools apply in far northern Maine, for example, but it would take eight hours to travel from here, nevermind from Castleton."

Ummer doesn't anticipate any more teams will be accepted into the NAC in the next few years. "Ten teams is near the upper limit of the number of teams we can play each season. "Once you get up into twelve teams or more, the conference would need to split into an east and west division," he said. "For now, 10 teams is a great number to have."



Photo by Emilie Lariviere

Guitarist Will Marr rocks out at the Alexander Twilight Theatre at the opening semester concert of illScarlett. The four guys in the band are very lively during the concert!

Toronto meets Lyndon State

Emilie Lariviere
Entertainment Editor

illScarlett is a band worth checking out! They are from Toronto and played at LSC at the start of the semester.

They play Reggae-Rock style music and are a four-member band with Alex Norman as the lead vocalist and a guitarist, Swav Pior, drummer, Will Marr, guitarist and Jonny Dee, bass and vocals.

There are currently two music albums out available to be purchased. They bring so much energy into the room that it is electrifying!

Sixty people attended the concert when illScarlett visited LSC and had a great time.

Dave Daly, a junior and music business major, helped set up microphones and wires for the band and he was so glad he stayed!

"The big thing is the people in the front; they bring the energy to the band and the band brings it back to them," Daly said. "It's a power circle."

This band will cheer you up for sure if you are not in the best of moods.

CAB hosted the Sept. 2 concert and its president, Dan Haycock, wanted them to perform because he "got a really good vibe from them. They have a unique sound that Lyndon would really enjoy."

illScarlett is worth your time. You can check out their website at illscarlett.com.

Drunken Horoscope

Aries

March 21 – April 20
You will sleep somewhere you have never been before

Taurus

April 21 – May 21
Malibu will become your buddy

Gemini

May 22 – June 21
A fort will be made

Cancer

June 22 – July 22
You won't be able to sleep tonight

Leo

July 23 – August 21
You will run a marathon tonight

Virgo

August 22 – September 23
Beware of the Jager

Libra

September 24 – October 23
Cupcakes are not to be eaten but used in self-defense

Scorpio

October 24 – November 22
You will get lucky tonight...by finding your way home after being lost

Sagittarius

November 23 – December 22
You will drunk-dial someone of great significance

Capricorn

December 23 – January 20
Couches will fall from the heavens. Beware!

Aquarius

January 21 – February 19
Watch out for the snowmen

Pisces

February 20 – March 20
Be proud to be at Lyndon and let them be proud of you.

Eating with Em

Emilie Lariviere
Entertainment Editor

Nutritional Corner

Cheese is on the prep list today.

Pros: High in protein and calcium.

A good source of vitamin B12.

Cons: Most kinds are high in saturated fats and sodium.

Can cause migraines or allergic reactions to some people.

What's cooking in the kitchen? Bagel Pizzas

Prep List:

1 package of whole wheat or plain bagels

1 jar of pizza sauce

1 package of mozzarella cheese

1 package of taco cheese

Your choice of vegetables or meats for your favorite toppings, such as:

Ham and pineapple

Ground beef, pepperoni, sausage and ham

Mushroom, peppers and onions

Instructions:

Pre-heat oven to 425. Toast bagels in a toaster first if possible. Spread sauce evenly over all bagels. Sprinkle both kinds of cheese all over the bagels and then top with your choice of toppings. (Tip: placing one pepperoni in the hole of each bagel works perfectly for a timer to know when they are done). Bake in oven for approximately 8 minutes or until cheese is melted and the pepperoni has started to curl.

Makes 12 perfectly sized bagel pizzas and is fairly affordable to the average college student and depending on your toppings nutritious for you as well.

ICE

Renee Carlton
Sex Columnist

Ice has many purposes, can be very handy and perhaps slightly kinky. Ice is very cheap as it can either be purchased at a store for very little money or it can just be water out of your faucet, into a container and then frozen until solid. It can be used for injuries if you need to ice down a bruised wrist or knee or a black eye. Ice is great for mixed drinks, cooling people off, random games of fun, chilling drinks and perhaps it can even be interesting in the

bedroom.

As summer is cooling off it still is a little warm and when things get a little too steamy why not kick it up a notch. You use the ice in your hand or in your mouth it will bring a whole new sensation to your intimate fun. There have been interesting studies that have been done that ice stimulates the blood flow or will slow it down causing some extreme sensations. I'm not saying it will save your life or anything but it could add a little spice to your life.

Get your Snooki on during Spirit Week

Monday

Dodgeball tournament.
4:30 PM in the Stannard Gym.

Tuesday

Bring out your inner Guido/Guidette in Lyndon State's Jersey Shore Day. Show up at the Student Center dressed like your favorite guys and gals from the Jersey Shore and be the team to win the best get-up

Wednesday

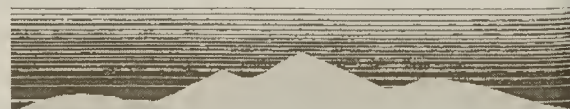
Campus-wide scavenger hunt. Starts at the Student Activities and Leadership Center. Be the first team to find all of the items.

Thursday

Where's the Hornet? Like Where's Waldo, but better. Find all of the people wearing the letters of the word "HORNET."

Friday

Triathlon Grand Finale. Costume/biggest splash contest at 4:30 at the pool, followed by a relay race/low ropes finale.



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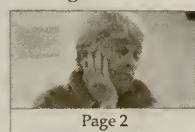
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Students and faculty divide over potential investigation

Kleinhans, Chapin lead SGA in support of Moore

Madison Cox
Managing Editor

The SGA voted to pass a resolution in support of President Carol Moore and Dean of Academic and Student Affairs Donna Dalton, calling a potential investigation of them a waste of time.

Andrew Chapin, the representative for the Student Investment Group, proposed that the SGA vote to approve a resolution showing support for the president and dean regarding the recent faculty assembly that requested the chancellor and Board of Trustees investigate them for mismanagement. This request was met with many questions.

Secretary of SGA Chris Shadrock, while stating that he fully supports both Moore and Dalton, questioned that it may be too early to approve a resolution before fully understanding what is happening with the potential investigation.

"We don't know the whole story of what's going on," he said, "As students, we have to be very careful about how we voice our opinions."

History professor Alexandre Strokhanov also spoke at the meeting, expressing outrage toward the faculty suggestion and calling it baseless.

"When I saw that resolution passed, I was shocked and ashamed," he said, "I believe this is absolute hypocrisy."

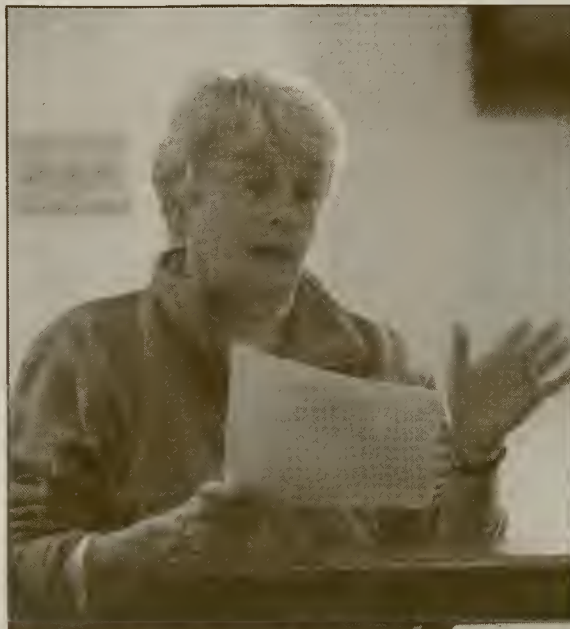
"If I put myself in your shoes, I would act. They can shut up me, but they cannot shut up you," he added.

Jonathan Davis, associate dean of student affairs agreed that taking a stance would be an appropriate response of the SGA.

"There is no two-way communication," he said, "We have to work together."

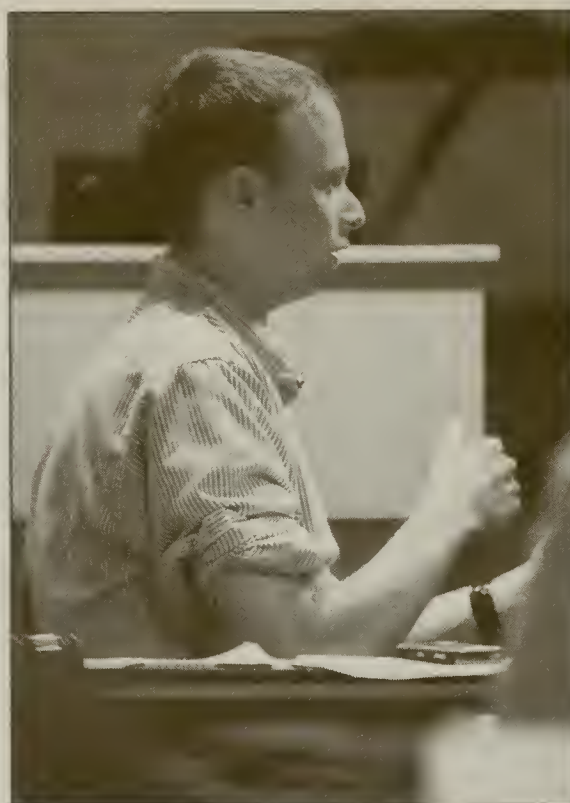
The SGA voted to send out the resolution asking the chancellor and the Board of Trustees to deny the request for an investigation.

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Carol Moore speaks at SGA

Photo by Eric Wayne



John Kleinhans, SGA President

Photo by Eric Wayne

Faculty Assembly votes to investigate Moore

Sam Monroe and Madison Cox
Critic Editors

The Lyndon State College Faculty Assembly has accused President Carol Moore of mismanagement and is requesting an investigation by the Vermont State Colleges chancellor and the Board of Trustees.

"Personally I welcome them to come over," Moore said in response to the call for an investigation, "They can come over any day of the week and talk to whoever they want. We are a very transparent college, more so than most. Faculty and staff know just about everything that is appropriate to know."

"The notion that some, not all, but some faculty would want the chancellor and the trustees to come over and investigate, what is going on here at Lyndon, they have every right to request that."

The Faculty Assembly Chairman did not announce the vote totals.

Some of the faculty who attended the meeting expressed anger and frustration towards the administration. Others were unsure if this resolution was an appropriate way to go.

"I feel as though there is a fair amount of anger wrapped around this last bullet and paragraph, and I wonder if it would really lead to any better morale around campus," Joe

Cittleman, a music business professor said.

Professor John Deleo was convinced

that the request had to be made.

"You can't ask the system to correct itself," he told the room, "I am just so frustrated that I would really appreciate having a higher authority look at what's going on here."

"Please people, I beg you, look at what's going on around here," Deleo pleaded.

Education professor Tim Sturm shared similar thoughts.

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"Please people, I beg you, look at what's going on around here."

-John Deleo

Weekend Weather Outlook

Friday:



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60s

WINDS
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Friday Night:



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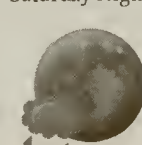
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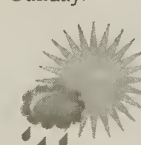
Saturday Night:



LOW
40s

WINDS
N/A

Sunday:



HIGH
60s

WINDS
N/A

Investigation SGA approves resolution

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"The issue has to do with the administration's management of its faculty and staff," he said, "I think we need to go to the Chancellor and the Trustees and ask them to look at what is going on on this campus."

Some of the faculty expressed that there is too much anger involved to make a rational decision.

"We need to be a little bit more forward-thinking about how we ask for better management," said Janet Bennion, a social science professor.

Faculty Assembly Chairman James Bozeman also opposed the request.

"I don't see us in any financial danger as a college," said Bozeman. "There are definite issues here, many that we need to address. I don't think this is one of them."

Not all faculty members are supportive of this request, however. Professor of history Alexandre Strokhanov, who was unable to attend the faculty meeting due to his current sabbatical, believes it to

be baseless.

"What these priorities are is a manifest of people who do not want to work and they blame their problems on the administration," he said, "It is always easy to blame somebody else, rather than to look at yourself in the mirror."

Some of the faculty accuses Moore and Academic Dean Donna Dalton of causing the financial crisis that the college faces, and also points out the rest of the VSC schools were able to avoid financial difficulties in this economic downturn. Moore disagrees with this statement.

"The other schools all had their challenges, but ours was bigger because the dip in enrollment," said Moore.

Many professors feel as though the breaking point was the abrupt cancellation of fall classes last spring.

Moore defends the decision by saying it saved the college \$400,000, which is equal to about eight jobs. She says she prefers to see the classes cut than faculty and staff fired.



Senator Phil Scott addresses the SGA Wednesday night. Photo by Eric Wayne

Unknown numbers spark outrage

After the faculty assembly voted to request an investigation against the president and dean of academic and student affairs, the final results of the vote were not disclosed.

The same is true for the results of the Student Government Association's vote to pass a resolution supporting President Carol Moore and Academic Dean Donna Dalton.

Faculty chair James Bozeman explained the results are not available.

"They don't have them,"

Hiring freeze: Moore explains lack of new faculty. Lyndon-statecritic.com Also online: View the full list of faculty priorities as well as the SGA resolution.

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Moore also attended Wednesday's meeting, although she left before the discussion of a resolution took place. She spoke about the upcoming reaccreditation for the college, as well as various upcoming projects. One big announcement brought thunderous applause to the room.

"We have been authorized by the board of trustees to bond money to fix the parking lot for Stonehenge,"

she said, "Frankly, it's been on my list for years but there just hasn't been money to do it."

Moore also explained that new property near the college has been purchased due to a donation from an alumnus. However, it has been undecided what will be put there.

"We have that property. We don't have a clue what we're going to do with it," she said. Moore said the college is open to suggestions.

Phil Scott, Republican candidate for Lieutenant Gov-

ernor visited the SGA as well, explaining that he originally got into government after having issues starting his own business due to all the lengthy procedures. He is currently a senator, and is the vice chairman of transportation and the chairman of institutions.

"There are many more needs in this state than we have money for," he said. "We're trying to play catch-up, but it's very very difficult."

Moore admits cancellation mistake

Carol Moore has admitted to making a mistake last spring when the decision was made to cut fall classes.

"To tell you honestly, we made a mistake," said the President.

The comments came just days after several faculty members referred to the class cuts as "the straw that broke the camel's back," during the vote to have Moore and Academic Dean Donna Dalton investigated for mismanagement.

Moore says that the mistake was not cutting classes, but rather how the handling of the cuts was done.

"We probably should

have given the faculty another day, maybe even two to absorb the information before we did it," she said. "But we were concerned about getting the information out to students asap so that before they left campus for the summer, they could get their schedule straightened out and not have mass confusion in the fall."

"I couldn't have made another decision. I could have waited a day or so, but I couldn't have made a different decision," the president said. Moore also said Johnson State College was forced to make a similar decision at the end of last spring.

She claims that by making

the cuts the college saved about \$400,000, the equivalent to eight jobs.

"My goal in balancing this budget was to not lay off faculty and staff," Moore said. "We did it, but not without some pain."

Moore went on to say that the decision is one that should have been made a long time ago.

"To be honest, the dean and I should have been doing this a lot sooner," she said, "For a number of years we have been running courses with four and five students, and we just can't afford to do that anymore."

COUNTDOWN TO DISASTER

SEPTEMBER 2009: Grand opening of ASAC

SEPTEMBER 2009: Second-largest freshmen class enters LSC; largest-ever total college enrollment

APRIL 2010: Administration asks for a five percent increase in tuition

APRIL 2010: VSC votes to increase tuition by three percent

APRIL 2010: Administration announces class cuts for fall 2010

MAY 2010: Faculty presented with draft of college priorities

MAY 2010: Faculty fails to approve LSC's self-report for reaccreditation

JUNE 2010: Renovations of HAC begin

JUNE 2010: Renovations of Admissions office begin

JULY 2010: Dean of Admissions and Marketing fired; Mark Hilton takes over on an interim basis

AUGUST 2010: Freshmen class enrollment down 12 percent

SEPTEMBER 2010: Overall college enrollment down by approximately 50 students

SEPTEMBER 2010: Carol Moore submits college priorities to VSC Chancellor

SEPTEMBER 2010: Grand opening of rock wall

SEPTEMBER 14, 2010: Faculty assembly approves request to have president and academic dean investigated for mismanagement of college

SEPTEMBER 15, 2010: SGA votes to approve a resolution supporting President Moore and Dean Dalton

U.S. Congressional candidate visits campus

Greg Besso

News Correspondent

With only six short weeks until the election on November 2, the campaign trail is heating up, and candidates are campaigning all over the state to share their political views with potential voters.

One of the stops for GOP Congressional candidate Paul Beaudry was at Lyndon State College, where he shared his political knowledge with the Lyndon College Republicans and other Lyndon students Monday night. Beaudry is running against Democrat incumbent Peter Welch in the November election for Vermont's seat in the House of Representatives in Washington, D.C.

Beaudry, a former conservative talk show radio host, made the decision to run primarily because he is con-

cerned about the financial position that our country is in. If elected, he will bring a new perspective to the position, and fight for a change in our government.

During his campaign speech, Beaudry shared his views on several political issues, most of which are found in his Pledge of Allegiance to Vermont. When addressing government deficit and spending, Beaudry said that he will work to assure that the government "lives within their means" just like the rest of us.

Beaudry then touched on the country's reliance to foreign oil, saying that "we spend over \$700 billion dollars a year on oil." He later moved to the issue of pollution.

"None of us want to admit it, but we're all polluters," Beaudry said.

One of the views that

Beaudry emphasized most within his speech was his view on gun laws. If he is elected to Congress, Beaudry promises never to sign any bill that violates the Second Amendment.

Furthermore, Beaudry shared his views about the ongoing abortion controversy. He proudly stated that he is a "pro-life" candidate, with the exceptions of rape, incest, and cases where the mother's life is in danger. He also said that he is being fully endorsed by the Vermont Right to Life Political Committee along with gubernatorial candidate Brian Dubie.

Anyone who is interested in learning more about Beaudry and his campaign is encouraged to visit his website, www.beaudryforcongress.org.



Photo courtesy of Aimee Lawton

Candidates for student government make their case

Dylan Schlossberg

News Correspondent

Candidates vying for elected Student Government Association representative positions had a chance to make their cases directly to the students Tuesday evening.

But the lack of any contested positions, and a lack of candidates for half of the available positions, made for a somewhat lukewarm discussion.

Seven of eight registered candidates attended the open forum held in Stevens Dining Hall: freshmen Jackie Fitzgerald, Kennedy Hall, and Daniel Weiner; sophomore Arianna

Millington; and juniors Katee Ingram and Brett Rubinate. Sophomore Meghan Dolyak was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict. No seniors, commuters, or non-traditional students registered as candidates for the election.

LSC President Carol Moore kicked off the discussion with a brief speech where she praised student involvement and encouraged students to vote and "vote wisely."

The candidates went on to answer two questions from moderator and SGA President John Kleinhans, and three questions from student audience members. The questions, ranging from the broad ("Why

should people vote for you?") to the specific ("What will you do about dining hall food?") drew out largely similarly themed "change" answers from most of the candidates. Differences in style, experience, and signature issues became apparent as the forum went on.

Kennedy called himself "outgoing, outspoken, and ready to work," promising "more activities on weekends."

Weiner said four years of student government experience in high school qualified him for the position, and said "I care about your opinions." He expressed a desire to cen-

tralize and publish club and event schedules, saying "There are always a lot of things to do but people don't know."

Millington cited her previous involvement with the SGA, and said she would be "outspoken and opinionated." She pointed out broken laundry change machines as a problem she could fix.

Ingram said she would be able to "make a change" and "represent the student body well," and expressed a desire to get "recycling bins in every dorm suite."

Rubinate characterized himself as "hard-working," and said school spirit inspired

him to run for a position where he'd be able to "get it like [students] want."

The forum was held this year in the dining hall during dinner hours, which Kleinhans said was an attempt to bring the event to a larger student audience after a disappointingly low attendance last year. While Kleinhans said he had been hoping for more audience participation, he still considered the forum a "great" success, saying "this was the biggest number [attending] we've ever had."

Out-of-state students can vote in Vermont

Patrick Carr

News Correspondent

Lyndon students who are living in the residence halls, regardless of where they are from, are able to cast votes in Vermont.

Voting in Vermont is quite simple, and there are a number of ways that one can register to do so. First, one must declare residency in Vermont. This can be done even if one lives in a dorm. There is no time requirement for residency; one must simply declare a principle domicile.

Students can register by downloading a registration form (from vermont-elections.org/elections1/2008VoteAppRev7.01.08.pdf) and

mailing it to the Lyndon town clerk. The form includes a voter's oath.

In addition, students may also register at the Lyndon Town Office or the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Once one has registered to vote in a state, he or she can vote only in that state. To vote elsewhere one must re-register, which is also a simple process.

A person may vote in any local and statewide elections. An important upcoming date to think about is November 2 when one can vote in the general election for Vermont governor and other offices.

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Correction: In issue one of The Critic, published on Sept. 10, Jonathan Davis was incorrectly referred to as director of student life. He is the Associate Dean of Student Affairs.

What the funk is going on?

Your weekly musings from a maniacal music man

Brian Lacharite
Columnist

Welcome back friends, get comfy in your chair, and keep your coffee or other caffeinated beverage of choice close at hand. If you're reading this right now, then that means I managed to sink my teeth into you a little bit last week.

Since the last time I corresponded with all of you, there have been many noteworthy events happening on campus. Concerts, comedy, and many other rousing activities have all been offered by CAB for your viewing pleasure. However, this week I'd like to turn my focus to something a little more sinister that's been occurring on campus. Well maybe sinister isn't the right word, more like a general nuisance.

Over the past two weeks, there have been repeated incidences of pranks, vandalism, and overall hijinks occurring around LSC. Toilet paper strewn about near Stonehenge, prank phones calls made to the library (honestly, who picks on librarians?), and

various graffiti displayed in places it doesn't belong. Yes, public safety must have their hands full at the moment.

My biggest gripe though isn't with the act of pranking itself, it's the low quality of the pranks being played.

These shenanigans are beyond juvenile, and require no creativity whatsoever. I mean what the funk is going on? Historically speaking, there have been some pretty epic pranks pulled off over the past few centuries. From the Trojans sneaking their giant oversized novelty horse into Troy, to Orson Welles making Americans collectively crap their pants in fear of Martians and Tom Cruise, history is rich with hoaxes and scams. Some pranks are pulled off so well, they change the course of history, like the election of George W. Bush in 2000. MIT is famous for their pranks, known affectionately as hacks, some of which include a weather balloon labeled "MIT" appearing at the 50-yard line at the Harvard/Yale football game in 1982, placing a campus police cruiser on the roof of the Great Dome, and

converting the Great Dome into R2D2 or a large yellow ring to acknowledge the release of *Star Wars Episode 1* and *Lord of The Rings*.

I guess my point is that, given the genius nature of some of these pranks, the bar has been set pretty high. I guess I'd like to see a little more finesse and class put into any future pranks pulled on campus. Also remember that a good prank should never be permanently destructive or harmful to property or people. Those who think it's fun to vandalize should also learn that it's fun to scrub their handiwork off the walls with a toothbrush.

Well, my time is up again for the week. I've also just been reminded by our legal department that The Critic in no way, shape, or form condones nor does it encourage vandalism, pranks, hijinks, or shenanigans. Don't do it! Have a great week everyone. And remember there are plenty of flat rooftops if anyone can figure out how to get a car onto one. Oops, I've said too much. Until next time.

Hang on, it's for you

Noah Fink
Columnist

Well, I survived the first few weeks of the semester and I hope everyone can say the same. It has been a difficult start, and at times very stressful, but it is a feat that deserves a grand celebration and all I can offer you is some words of wisdom from a very wise individual, Sir Samuel L. Jackson. He is known as a very quotable individual and in one of his smaller yet memorable roles he sums up how I feel for the start of the semester, "Hold on to your butts!" So on that note, let's jump right in.

Before I actually sat down and started putting ideas to fingertips, I had no clue what to write about. I was sitting in the library, laptop in hand, no ideas coming to me when I was interrupted by a text message. I mean, how dare someone disturb me while I was in the middle of... well, important things! While the text was harmless enough and it did not really derail my progress, it did get me thinking about text messages in general.

They are very impersonal. I know I am not the only person to present this argument, but when you think about it texts are an excuse not to hear your voice or even talk to you in person. Tell me, when you get a text from someone, do you get the feeling that what they are telling you feels like a conversation with someone, in the hall, with both of you not breaking stride, and all that is established is that they may or may not ttyl?

Personally, I like going through the process of a face to face conversation, especially

if the other face is a beautiful one. I not only get to hear the inflection that is embedded in their voice, but I get to see other types of communication that cannot be conveyed through digital conversation like facial expressions, head movements, and arm flailing. Texting, to me, feels like people would rather look at a tiny glowing screen instead of your giant glowing face (that may have come out wrong).

When someone has something important to tell you, they should tell you with a phone call or talk to you in person. Letting a phone do the talking for you just does not make sense. In some situations a text can suffice, due to what you may be doing at the moment, but substantial information should only be expressed in person.

Also, how ridiculous is it when someone texts you, "OMFG!!!! Just saw John, y is he like that? LMFAO." Until last year, I had no clue what OMFG and LMFAO meant, but apparently people do not like to write entire words any more.

Well, I have come to the end of my rant and while it sounds like an angry one, I do admit to texting once in a while and I think that I have the whole "text language" thing down. "Stcsl, bcuwi-inaeais. Biwpoanwiwhssfy. Dftjmgfsticwy, tr. Po, L-tb." (Sorry this column seems lazy, but coming up with ideas is not as easy as it seems. But I will push on and next week I will have something special for you all. Don't forget to join my Facebook group so that I can converse with you, the readers. Peace out, L-town baby).

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SGA + Communication = Epic Fail

Justin Chenette
Critic Staff

After the fight against complete fiscal irresponsibility during the SGA executive compensation debate in the spring, I thought the SGA might have decided to put the needs of the students above their own. Once again my youthful hopefulness deceived me. This time it was in the form of communication or rather a lack thereof.

Over Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of this past week students were supposed to elect their fellow peers to represent them and the student body at large in the SGA. The problem was: who really

knew about it? There were no signs the previous week or even days leading up to the election unless you count the very few SGA Representative Forum signs scattered about campus. On a technicality they can say they advertised it but simply putting one very brief line at the bottom of a poster that is purposefully advertising a separate event does not constitute smart marketing practices. Most students walking in the hallway have between 4 and 8 seconds to get the gist of a poster and even that is a stretch. I along with the hundreds of students on campus who were unable to attend this forum due to classes or the like, were left

astonished that the election was taking place this week. Granted, I knew it had to be coming up but as to the exact date I figured the SGA would rise to the occasion to do what is right over what it is easy seeing they have done such a bang up job with the many issues plaguing this campus already. Alas my hopes were shattered once again and the convincing rhetoric that was used during the executive elections in the spring has been proven to be just that, political rhetoric used to win an election rather than to do a service for this academic community.

I ask a very simple question: how hard is it to keep

students informed? Have information printed in this newspaper, create a Facebook group and message all members, post statuses on individual Facebook pages, send out emails, talk it up amongst students, create and hang 'election' posters, or post it on CAB dining hall/Hornet's Nest table flyers. Any of those would be acceptable forms of communication in the 21st century, yet it seems to be too difficult to manage for some.

If this is a way of testing the waters of the new SGA administration then we are all in for a rude awakening to say the least. So far they are not earning their keep when we have to shell out thou-

sands of dollars to these same people for a supposed job well done.

Campus governance cannot exist without active and engaged students. The SGA continually complains about the overall ignorance and apathetic nature of the student body at large and yet they are the very ones responsible for the lack of dialogue. It's time to rethink priorities, reform policy, and renew commitment otherwise the god-like treatment some in the SGA receive might be diminished.

To the Editor:

Over the last two weeks students across campus have been campaigning for positions as elected representatives for the Lyndon State College Student Government Association.

Each year a Board of Elections is formed to conduct these elections through advertisements and open forums. The Board of Elections committee is made up of Club Representatives from such clubs as the Lyndon State College Track and Field, Alpha Lambda Delta, American Women in Media, etc. The members of this board are committed to the success of the yearly elections that take place in accordance to the SGA Constitution.

This past Tuesday, the Board of Elections held an open forum which was advertised across campus and held in Stevens Dining Hall. Over 75 members of the student body were present for this forum which was interactive and, to be honest, a lot of fun. It gave students an op-

portunity to voice their concerns and speak with potential elected representatives.

These types of forums will continue in the fall and I encourage each and every student to attend these. The Student Government Association is working for you, that is a promise that I ensure you is the truth. If you have any concerns with how it is being run, then get involved. Get off the sidelines. Here at Lyndon we have the ability to achieve greatness.

I believe that the elections have been a complete success this fall. My goal as President of the Lyndon State College Student Government Association is to make Lyndon the best that it can be. Join me in this effort. Come to an SGA meeting. Speak during Student Body Comments. You have an opportunity to make the place that you and I love the best place it possibly can be.

Sincerely,
John Kleinhans
President
LSC SGA

To the Editor:

This past Wednesday night, Resolution 2011-001 was presented for the support of President Carol Moore and Dean Donna Dalton, as their management practices was called into question after a Faculty Assembly Meeting. At this meeting, there was a request for the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees of the VSC to investigate said practices. After discussion about whether the SGA is prematurely involving themselves in a topic that does not yet concern the students, an overwhelming majority of the 27 clubs and organizations represented voted in favor of supporting the resolution and the idea that an investigation would be not only a waste of effort,

but of time and money. These elected officials from each club represent a wide range of students at Lyndon State College in efforts to make sure each voice is heard and considered.

As President and Executive Vice President of the Student Government Association, we would like to ensure all the students that the purpose of this resolution was to show administration that we support them and their work here at Lyndon and for no underlying or secret reason. We invite all students to attend our biweekly meetings on Wednesday nights (our next one is September 29) at 8pm in ASAC 100.

Sincerely,
John Kleinhans
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LSC men's cross country looking to three-peat

Eric Blaisdell
Critic Staff

The defending North Atlantic Conference champions for men's cross country started the year off strong coming in third at the University of New England invitational in Biddeford, Maine.

The squad came in third with 79 points, behind the University of Southern Maine with 24 points and the University of New England with 74 points. Josh Grant, a sophomore from Nashua, New Hampshire, finished first for LSC and fifth overall with a time of 28:36 in the eight kilometer event. A strong showing considering this was the group's first race of the year and most other teams' second.

The team is looking for its third straight NAC championship behind a highly decorated group of runners. Grant, the 2009 runner of the year, sees another title on the horizon. "I feel like we could be better this year," said Grant who was also the 2009 rookie of the year for men's cross country. "This year we have more depth. We just have to have everyone trying their best. We can definitely do it."

The men's cross country coach Chris Ummer is also excited for the upcoming season and is not surprised by the number one ranking in the NAC preseason poll. "It makes a whole lot of sense. We brought back four out of our top five runners. That alone makes us favorites to repeat," says Ummer. "We have the better talent. We do harder workouts. I expect a lot out of the team and they respond by giving what I ask them to."

Coach Ummer has also brought in a talented class of freshmen, including Dylan MacNevin, from Northwood, New Hampshire, who finished as the first freshman at the UNE invitational and the second runner for LSC with a time of 30:11. Another freshman Kenedi Hall, from Hartland, Vermont, finished as the third LSC runner with a time of 30:32. Wildens Fils, a junior from Stamford, Connecticut, was the fourth runner for LSC with a time of 30:43.

Although winning the conference is important, Ummer is setting his sights beyond just the NAC. "While it is very important to win the conference championship, we are looking for the next challenge. We want to do better at the ECAC's. We would like to win the state meet," said Ummer. The team still wants to win the NAC, but they see it as a steppingstone to accomplishing something greater.

The expectations are high, but both coach and players are keyed up for the challenge. They know they have a target on their backs, which only motivates them more. It is hard to see how a two time defending champion can improve; on the other hand they seem to get stronger every year. With Grant and 2008 runner of the year Craig Johnson, as well as 2009 first team NAC Fils, it is no surprise the team is confident. This will be the first year that LSC will be running in the regionals and they are shooting for a top ten finish. The next meet is September 25 at Southern Vermont College.



LSC Freshman Kenedi Hall

Photo Courtesy Of Chris Ummer

This Week In The NAC

Three Lyndon student-athletes have been honored by the North Atlantic Conference for their performances in the week ending Sunday, Sept. 12

Kyle Mecham, a junior midfielder with the Hornet men's soccer program was named the NAC Player of the week while Kayla Flynn of the women's tennis team and Dylan MacNevin of the men's cross country program took home Rookie of the Week honors.

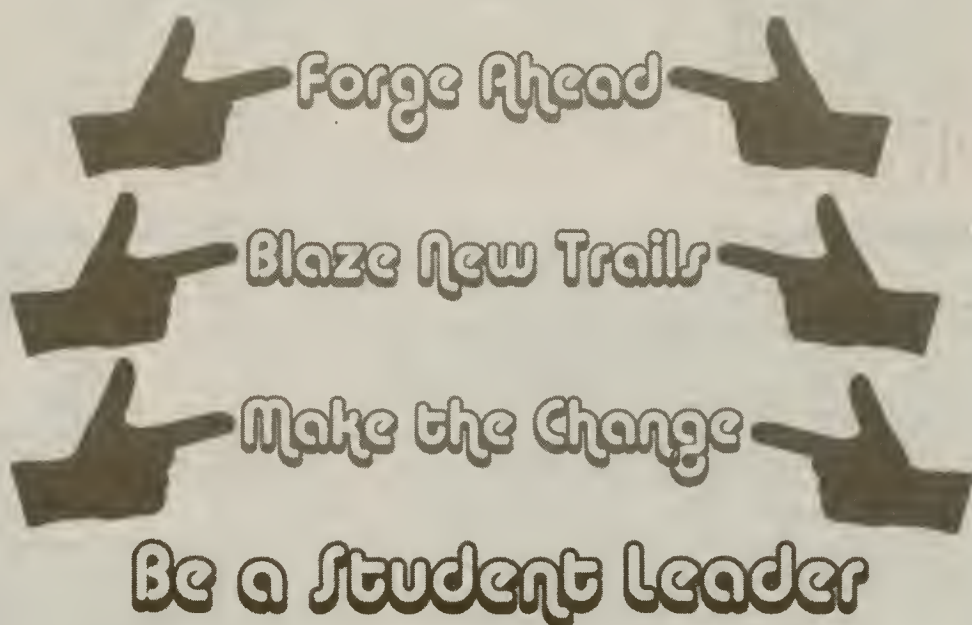
Mecham, a transfer from Fairleigh Dickinson University, continues to shine for Lyndon, tallying three goals and collecting three assists thus far on the season for a total of nine points.

On Saturday, Sept. 11, he scored one goal and collected two assists in the Hornets' 4-2 win over Becker. One day later, against Southern Maine Community College, Mecham scored one goal and had one assist in Lyndon's 3-1 victory over the Seawolves.

Flynn tasted victory in three of her first four first matches in a Lyndon uniform, teaming with Maria Parr to earn a hard-fought 9-8 (7-4) victory over UMass-Boston's Wendy Steinman and Destanne Ringler in No. 2 doubles Saturday. The win was the lone Hornet victory of the day.

In Sunday's match at Mitchell College, Flynn bested the Mariners' Lauren Rowley 6-2, 6-0 in No. 3 singles before joining Parr for an 8-4 victory in No. 1 doubles over Mackenzie Flanagan and Kelly Walsh.

MacNevin was the top North Atlantic Conference freshman to cross the finish line at the University of New England Invitational Saturday. He was the second Hornet to finish the race, placing 21st in 30:11 over the eight-kilometer course.



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Hornets beat Lasers in final minutes

For more than 86 minutes, the Lyndon and Lasell men's soccer teams played to a stalemate.

Both teams had a handful of chances to take the lead, but neither the Hornets nor the Lasers could find the back of the net and gain the upper hand. With 3:13 left to play, Lyndon got the break it needed and managed to walk off the field with its fifth win of the season – a hard-fought 1-0 decision over Lasell.

In the waning minutes of the contest, the Lasers were called for a foul near midfield. On the ensuing direct kick, Hornet stopper Patrick Hilton lofted a shot from two meters below midfield which found its way to the center of the penalty area.

The kick landed in a cluster of defenders, who were attempting to head the ball away from the Lasers' goal. However, the ball inadvertently deflected off the head of Lasell's Adam Luciano and past goalkeeper Matthew Bruninghaus for an own goal and the lone tally of the game.

Lyndon held off a late charge to up its overall record to 5-1-1 on the season. Lyndon goalkeeper Jason Gray made 10 saves to earn his third shutout of the season while Bruninghaus collected six saves in the contest.



Photo by Ian MacDonald

Right: A spirited LSC fan dresses as green man and sprints down the sideline. Above: Teague Cole battles a Lasell defender in LSC's win. Below: Ben Taylor looks to take a shot in the second half.



This week's results:

Volleyball:

Sept. 15: Loss 3-0 to New Hampshire Tech.

Men's Soccer:

Sept. 15: Win 1-0 over Lasell

Sept. 12: Win 3-1 over Southern Maine

Women's Soccer:

Sept. 12: win 6-0 over Southern Maine.

Women's Tennis:

Win 8-1 over Mitchell



Where in the world is your favorite professor?

Justin Golschneider
Critic Staff

Faculty members are disappearing from their regular posts.

Professors Linda Mitchell, Patricia Shine, and Alexandre Stokanov are not teaching this semester. There is no cause for alarm, however; they're merely on sabbatical leave.

"Sabbatical means basically 'seventh year,'" said Daisy McCoy, Chair of the Structure and Welfare Committee. "After being here six years you can apply for a sabbatical, it can be either a year long or a semester long." During this time, professors are freed from their normal duties as teachers but still receive

partial pay. This gives them a chance to work on projects that would be difficult or impossible to complete while teaching.

"I'm working with the National Association of Social Workers in Vermont by educating social workers further about the impact of racism and privilege on our work, and also just connecting with a variety of people who are doing the work," said Patricia Shine, Professor of Human Services. "I teach a course at the college called Exploring Race and Challenging Racism in the United States. What I hope will come from my work is to deepen how I teach that course."

Business Administration professor Linda Mitchell is

using her sabbatical to get more involved in marketing. One of her clients is the Vermont/New Hampshire Marketing Group. "I'm on their board of directors and they want to expand their membership, so I'm actually marketing the organization," she said. "My other client is a private membership club... I'm doing some analysis to get a better picture of what's going on, and to develop strategies to strengthen the connection between the members and the club." She said the work directly relates to two of the classes she teaches.

Professor of History Alexandre Stokanov has taken on a wide variety of projects this semester. He's editing a book of essays on

WWII "written by students from different countries over the world... including students from LSC," which he expects to be completed within a month. He's also "working on a book that will be [an] analysis of municipal management in Vermont," which will only be published in Russian.

In addition, he's planning on submitting an article to a peer review journal about "unrecognized but de facto existing states" and writing weekly articles for the website RussiaProfile.org, dealing with Russian politics, history, and contemporary issues.

"I am also collecting data, thinking on two other research projects, but I think it is enough," he said.

Do they manage to actually take any time off during their time off? "I think a good sabbatical should also have time just for people to recharge their batteries," Patricia Shine said. "I've been trying to do more hiking and just being outside."

Linda Mitchell worked hard on her projects over the summer to buy time for a three week vacation in France this fall. Alexandre Stokanov, however, finds himself buried under his work.

"Unfortunately, my belief that sabbatical is time to relax is not to be proven correct," he said. "That hypothesis the research proved as false."

Movie review: 'The Kids Are All Right'

Tyler A. Kittleman
Special to the Critic

The Kids Are All Right is a film about two mothers Jules (Julianne Moore) and Nic (Annette Bening) who are in a loving but in no way perfect relationship. Nic is a physician and tends to try

and control every possible thing where Jules is more timid. Jules always tries adapting to Nic's 9 to 5 life by trying to start a business, which always falls through, or by being the stay at home mom.

In the film she is currently trying to start a landscaping

business. They have two kids both in their teens Joni and Laser, Nic is the biological mother of Joni and Jules is the biological mother of Laser. The teens are half siblings both having the same father who was an unknown sperm donor.

Shortly after Joni's eigh-

teenth birthday she plans to leave the house to head off to college, while Laser only 15 begs her before leaving to locate their biological father. This is an original and believable story that today's generation can relate to.

I thought it was an amazing film that was well put to-

gether and easy to follow, unlike most of the films today which are fast paced. I give this film four out of five stars. If you're interested in watching meaningful, realistic films then this one is worth checking out. It is available at Catamount Arts and is free for Lyndon State students.

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Word Search by Eric Downing

Most men are afraid of the vagina. In my sexcapades I have found that for 50% of men feel there is nothing more frightful than going down on a woman. They all love to "get some," but when it comes to pleasuring a woman the way she wants it's time to pump the breaks.

Why is that?

When used cor-

rectly the vagina can give the most pleasurable peak of intercourse; however, it's just not an option. Sorry guys, but if you expect me to put out you better expect the same.

Some say it's because they don't like the taste or they are irked by the wetness. Well quite frankly, your penis doesn't taste like a lollipop and the flavor is salty butter (well, that is, if you didn't drink pineapple juice).

In my opinion, if you

want it you must give it too, but just because you give it doesn't mean you're good at it. Words of advice: don't go straight down. Warm me up first! Tease me with your tongue: start on my neck, move to my breasts, then to my stomach, inner thighs, and

lastly, my portal of pleasure. I know you'll get there eventually, but don't give it to me when I expect it.

If you make me wait it'll increase my desire for you. Make me beg for it! Observe the movement of my body; a dead giveaway is when I position myself so you can find me. Dive into me when I press my inner thighs into you. Remember: a man can join the list of unforgettable sex partners just by adding oral foreplay.

Sonja Eva Xing
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Eating with Em



Emilie Lariviere
Entertainment
Editor

What's cooking in the kitchen?

Chicken Parmesan

Prep List:

Chicken Breast

2 Eggs

Bread Crumbs

Parmesan Cheese

Tomato Sauce

Fettuccini Pasta

Instructions:

Crack the eggs into a bowl and whisk then dip the chicken into the egg wash, then into the bread crumbs. Fry the chicken in a frying pan or bake for a healthy choice until done and the internal temperature is 165.

Meanwhile begin to boil a pot of water and once it has come to a boil add the pasta for 8-10 minutes. Heat the sauce in a pan until warm. Sprinkle the parmesan cheese on top of the chicken for the last five minutes of cooking. Eat and enjoy.

Chef's Corner

As you may have noticed I'm the new food columnist. Please feel free to submit any food related ideas or questions that you may have. Some of you may be wondering what qualifies me to write this column more than others and I am not about to tell you I am the most knowledgeable person when it comes to food because I'm not, but I did study Culinary Arts in Switzerland and completed two years of their program. This experience changed my

life and my whole perspective on food and it is my hope in this column that I will be able to change yours at least slightly in one way or another.

Nutritional Aspect

Tomato sauce has such a beautiful color and fruity acidic flavor that stimulates the appetite. The best tomatoes for sauce are fully ripe, meaty tomatoes or the small, oval, Italian plum tomatoes. They have a good source of vitamin A and C which helps your immune system and your body fight illnesses. The only negative aspect is they may cause indigestion or heartburn.

Student IDs lead to huge savings at restaurants

Lindsey Profenno

News Correspondant

Sick of eating on campus but can't afford eating out? There are two restaurants that give Lyndon State College students a discount with their student ID.

The first restaurant is Hoagies located next to the Colonnade Inn. Hoagies offers a 10% discount on take out orders with a student ID. Now that it is football season

friends get together to watch the games. To make matters even better Hoagies delivers. This is a opportunity to order a specialty pizza or calzone and have it delivered so you don't miss any part of the game.

The other restaurant is Valley View located on Main Street. Valley View offers a 10% discount with a student ID. Valley View is a great family restaurant. It is also a great place to take that special

someone out on a date. They have a wide variety of food from steaks to subs. Valley View is a great dinner restaurant and the staff is wonderful.

So don't think you have to eat the same food day after day. Add some variety and try something new. You might surprise yourself and want to go back every week. Food is a way to bring people together. Make new friends and enjoy the school year.

Get down with the blues at Burke Mountain festival

Adam Brothers

News Correspondant

The Burke Mountain 4th annual Music Festival is this Saturday, September 18th. The gates open at 3 pm and the opening act starts at 3:30 p.m.

An afternoon of true Vermont Bluegrass is in high gear on Burke Mountain.

If tickets are purchased in advance they are five dollars cheaper than the twenty dollars on the day of the show. Kids under five years old can gather childhood memories for no cost at all!

Hot Flannel is opening, followed by none other than Banjo Dan and the Midnight Plowboys. To stylishly conclude, Gordon Stone and Big

Spike will pick and strum bluegrass until the sun goes down. Burke Mountain Ski Resort is located on 223 Sherburne Lodge Road, Burke, Vermont.

In years prior, large band names such as the Gin Blossoms and Rustic Overtones have headlined, inexpensively awarding festival-goers with a great time. Lyndon State student, John Brown has attended the Burke Mountain Music Festival for the past two of the three annual festivals with his family and friends. Brown really enjoys himself every time and distinctly remembers "when the Gin Blossoms were no more than a local, developing band playing on stage at the base of

Burke Mountain and now they're out playing globally for audiences of all backgrounds, not just us crazy, small town Vermonters!" Brown recalls upon inquisition. "The music is always great, lots of energy, and the smells of everyone cooking a variety of local meats just consumes the air, filling the mountainside with good cheer!"

John Brown's first hand response to the Burke Mountain Music Festival alone was filled with positive energy and delighted enthusiasm. Everyone local would feast their senses to enjoy this small town jubilation on its annual path through our ears.

Movie Quote

Horoscope

Aries

(March 21 - April 20)
"Inconceivable!" "You keep using that word. I do not think it means what you think it means." - Vizzini and Inigo Montoya in The Princess Bride

Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)
"We all go a little mad sometimes." - Norman Bates in Psycho

Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)
"It's a Trap!" - Admiral Ackbar in Star Wars

Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)
"You can't handle the truth." - Col. Nathan R. Jessep in A Few Good Men

Leo

(July 23 - August 21)
"A census taker once tried to test me. I ate his liver with some fava beans and a nice chianti" - Hannibal Lecter in The Silence of the Lambs

Virgo

(August 22 - September 23)
"If you build it, he will come." - Voice from above in Field of Dreams

Libra

(September 24 - October 23)
"You're gonna need a bigger boat" - Police Chief Martin Brody in Jaws

Scorpio

(October 24 - November 22)
"I'll make him an offer he can't refuse" - Michael Corleone in The Godfather

Sagittarius

(November 23 - December 22)
"Have fun storming the castle!" - Miracle Max in The Princess Bride

Capricorn

(December 23 - January 20)
"I'm not bad. I'm just drawn that way." - Jessica Rabbit in Who framed Roger Rabbit (1988)

Aquarius

(January 21 - February)
"I'm one stomach flu away from reaching my goal weight." - Emily in The Devil Wears Prada.

Pisces

(February 20 - March 20)
"Oh, oh, I see, running away then. You yellow bastard! Come back here and take what's coming to you. I'll bite your legs off!" - The Black Knight in Monty Python and the Holy Grail

"Legacy" is born to race

Emilie Lariviere
Entertainment Editor

The National Barrel Horse Association World Finals will be having one horse compete that less than three years earlier was almost put down due to a broken bone.

Kon's Smooth Legacy, a registered eight year old paint is owned by Chris Seymour, a custodian at LSC. The horse is known as Legacy for short.

In November 2007, during a competition Legacy hesitated while turning a barrel and sidestepped. Seymour took precautions and walked the horse back to the trailer. At this point she was walking on only three legs and the back leg was already swollen. She wrapped it and called her vet. The vet thought it was just a minor injury and would heal within a few days.

A few days had gone by and the horse was still walking around on three legs. The vet brought over an x-ray machine to find out it had a broken 'coffin bone' (like the human's big toe, which controls the balance of the horse). The vet recommended putting her down as she would never fully recover. She opted instead for a surgery that cost \$7,000. Seymour expected to now use Legacy as a breed horse, but this special horse had other plans.

Legacy's mother is about to retire from barrel racing and switch to carts, pasture horse and relaxing. Her grandfather was named "Konyok"

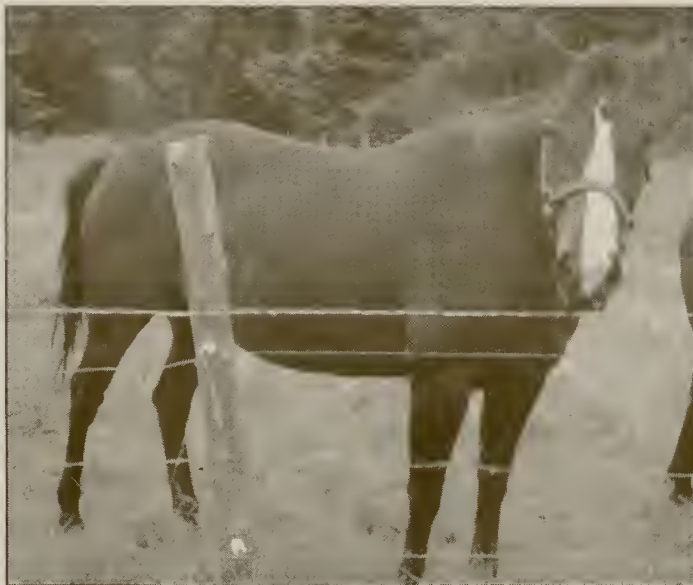


Photo by Emilie Lariviere

Legacy likes the camera. The horse belonging to LSC custodian Chris Seymour is qualified for the NBHA World finals three years after an injury that nearly caused her to be destroyed.

and used to compete in regular horse racing as well as her father named "Ole smooth cutter," who was one of the first quarter horses to be registered in the Quarter Horse Association. This is where Legacy's full name came from, partly from her grandfather and father, as well as she truly has a legacy to live up to.

Legacy managed to fully recover. She was depressed that she was not

being ridden and Seymour picked up on that and one day got on her back and rode her around a little and she took to that fine. In August 2009 she was qualified for worlds, but unsure if she was going to be able to compete.

In May 2010, Seymour began working Legacy and signed her up for the Champlain County Fair on September 3rd, 2010 for a barrel race. The WCAX got word on this and decided

to report on her, filming the race. They also put a microphone on Seymour as she constantly talks to her horse during the race. Her way of riding and training her horse is by talking to her instead of yanking on the horse's neck and mouth and kicking her so much. The horse responds to oral conversation from her owner.

The NBHA World Finals costs \$1,700 in total, including \$503 just for entry fees. Seymour is now raising a sponsorship to be able to attend the competition which she will be leaving for from October 22nd to November 2nd. It will be a 22 hour drive down as well as having to stop quite often to let Legacy take breaks out of the trailer.

This competition is very limited as to who is qualified to compete. Seymour is one of two people that will be representing Vermont in this competition. You can watch this competition live at nbha.com.

Legacy has a name to live up to and so far she is proving herself. Seymour is very excited for this adventure. "Legacy is as ready as she will be. It's not about winning just the fact I am able to compete in the World Finals, it's about the experience. If we happen to make the final it will just be a bonus."

LSC seeking ideas for new parcel

Erin Milne
News Correspondent

LSC is seeking ideas for what to do with its newest piece of real estate.

The school recently purchased a ten-acre parcel on the corner of McGoff Hill Road and Lower Campus Road, adjacent to the campus's southern border.

"We don't have immediate plans for the use of the parcel," Wayne Hamilton, Dean of Administration, said.

According to Hamilton, the college is currently evaluating proposals for the land and hopes to have a plan in place by the end of this academic year.

The school also intends to set aside a day next month when students, faculty, and staff can tour the land and the house that currently sits on it. Hamilton hopes this will generate ideas.

LSC purchased the property for a variety of reasons, Hamilton said. The land is



Photo by Caleb Dudley

LSC is renovating this house on the 10 acres of land it bought on McGoff Hill and may rent the house while deciding what to do with the property.

flatter than much of the current campus and has 1000 feet of frontage on McGoff Hill Road, making it ideal for development.

The land also abuts LSC's intramural sports field and can act as a buffer between the field and residential areas. The land was also once part of the T.N. Vail estate, so it has historic importance for the college.

LSC is currently making repairs to the house on the property, including updating

the heating system and adding insulation. The college may rent the house in the short term to bring in revenue.

The property, which was purchased from the Lentine family, cost LSC \$335,000.

This money came from the \$1 million gift the school received last year from Carhartt. The donor agreed to allow part of the gift to be used for the purchase of the land, Hamilton said.

EJA Dept. hires Lyndon alumna Donna Smith

Tim Christ
News Correspondent

Each school year, Lyndon State gains new students and faculty alike. This school year LSC hired Donna Smith, a Lyndon alum of 1996, as well as a member of the Alumni Council and the electronic department panel.

Donna Smith started her television career as an anchor for WNDS, a news station headquartered in Derry, New Hampshire. She was at WNDS from the spring of 1996, then received a job at WMUR in Manchester, New Hampshire. She worked at WMUR until 1999, when she took a position at WCVB-TV in Boston, Massachusetts as a producer and writer.

In 2000, Smith left her job at WCVB in order to get married and start a family. From 2000 to 2003 she worked for an insurance company, but got back into the television business when she was hired back at WMUR as news producer. "News was truly my passion and I missed it very

much," Smith said in regards to going back to television.

In 2006, while still maintaining her job as news producer, Smith worked for WMUR's nightly magazine, the NH Chronicle. "I was able to go out and report, produce my own segments and shows and I was also involved heavily in the day to day production of the show," she said.

Donna Smith worked at WMUR until she took her new position among the faculty of Lyndon State College.

"I've always had a passion for this place. I honestly had never imagined myself as a college professor until I learned about the opportunity here at LSC. Once I started thinking about it I started to get really excited about the prospect of being part of this program, and using my experience to better enrich the education of students," she exclaimed.

Smith is a member of the newly named EJA department, and teaches Person to Person as well as Performance and Presentation I-IV.

First reported theft on campus...not!

Alyssa Sylvia
Critic Staff

The first reported theft on campus was not a theft after all.

On Sept. 3, a student reported that he left his belongings, which included a 15-inch Toshiba laptop along with several textbooks, on the dining hall book shelves. When he returned, his belongings were gone.

The theft was reported to Public Safety the following

day, and Director of Public Safety George Hacking sent out an e-mail to notify students of the incident, and to offer rules and tips on protecting personal belongings.

"I felt it was a good opportunity to get the message out about how 99.9% of our campus is full of good people," Hacking said, "However there is that 0.1% of people on campus that believe it is OK to take other people's things."

The day after the e-mail was sent, the "victim" came

back to Public Safety to say the belongings were found and were not stolen after all. The laptop, book bag and books were found in a friend's room after being left and forgotten.

There has been some property turned into Public Safety recently including some electronics. If you are missing anything please see George Hacking or report it to Public Safety.

New ARAMARK food service director promises improved dining experience

Arianna Millington
Web Editor

With the departure of ARAMARK food service director, Ben Johnson, comes a new face on campus: newly hired food service director Adam Vigue, a 2003 business graduate from Lyndon State.

According to Vigue, his goals for this year are to improve the quality of the food and have better interaction with students. "Overall I want this to be a place people

enjoy coming to," Vigue said. Vigue grew up on an Air Force base in Germany.

While attending Lyndon from 1999 to 2003, he worked for ARAMARK beginning the second week of school. He also did an internship for ARAMARK at Yale, and before he graduated, was offered a position at the University of Southern Maine.

From there, he was promoted to the Location Manager at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy (in Connecticut),

then to Mt. Ida College in Western Massachusetts.

Another addition to the ARAMARK dining services this year is a F'real machine, located in the Horner's Nest.

The machine produces frozen beverages, ranging from coffee drinks to smoothies. This is the first F'real machine to appear in a Vermont State College.

There are over a dozen flavors, which will rotate throughout the year.

New CAB adviser comes to LSC

Samantha Knight
Critic Staff

As the new adviser of the Campus Activities Board and residence hall director of Bayley and Arnold, Kayla Carlozzi wants to expand activities on campus.

"I would love to see an event that is campus wide," she said.

Carlozzi is from Chester-town, N.Y. near Lake George. She attended college at a

SUNY school, so she was prepared for the weather in the Northeast Kingdom.

"I love the weather here and I am a skier so it is ideal," she said.

Carlozzi finds Lyndon similar to what she experienced at her college in New York.

"I was an RA so I had some experience for the RHD position and I did an internship with my college with the Residential Life Department,

but this is my first experience with campus-wide events. I really enjoy being in a small campus. I came from a small campus in New York and I like seeing familiar faces every day."

Carlozzi feels good about her new post.

"I think it is going well," she said. "It was really nice when all the students came back, and activities started up around campus."

New SGA adviser on campus

Jennifer Morin
Critic Staff

As the new Student Government Association adviser, Shannon Healy has some plans about the new school year at Lyndon State College.

"I would like to see more students get involved on campus this year," Healy said.

She is also the residence hall director for Wheelock Hall. As an undergraduate psych and communications major at Michigan Tech, she was a part of the Student Government, and en-

joyed it. She looks forward to advising SGA, adding that students at Lyndon State have passion and great ideas.

Born in Michigan, Healy earned her graduate degree in education and higher education at Grand Valley State.

Healy enjoyed the Club Fair on Aug. 30 and was impressed by the high level of student participation and is looking forward to Spring Day.

A class like no other

Benjamin Cookson
News Correspondent

Ever wish you could get paid to go to class? An off campus program funded by the federal government has turned your wishes into reality. A money management course that not only provides valuable finance-related knowledge but also up to \$2000 for your participation has arrived in St. Johnsbury.

Don Welch, manager of the Micro Business Department at Northeast Kingdom Community Action (NEKCA), offers a free eight-week financial literacy course through the Federal Individual Development Account program. The course is not only designed to teach the importance of money and credit management, but also provides the opportunity for participants to build a better future for themselves.

Classes are held in the evening once a week. Upon completion, participants are rewarded with an Individual Development (IDA) savings account through Community National Bank. This special type of savings account is unique in that the federal government will deposit two dollars for every one dollar that you deposit, up to \$2000.

"It's free money for life enhancement," says Welch.

There is a catch: the account holder cannot withdraw cash from the account. Instead, you can spend it in one of three different ways: as a down payment on a house, to start a small business or to further your education.

Space in the class is limited. For more information on how to apply, log on to www.lyndonstatecritic.com or e-mail Benjamin.Cookson@lsc.vsc.edu

Computers read to students, help with studying

Madison Cox
Managing Editor

Students at LSC have a new way to study – their computers can read to them.

New software programs are being installed on computers throughout campus in the 24-hour lab, LAC 408, the Academic Support Center, and the computer lab in the library. These programs (Kurzweil, Textaloud, and Read and Write Gold) allow students to read articles on the computers, and have it read back to them at the same time.

"It's an active tool to better read and hear the text," Learning Specialist Mary Etter said, "It's not just passive reading."

Etter said the programs, which were originally developed for business professionals, will read any text that appears on a computer screen. This means students are able to scan in pages from their

textbooks as well.

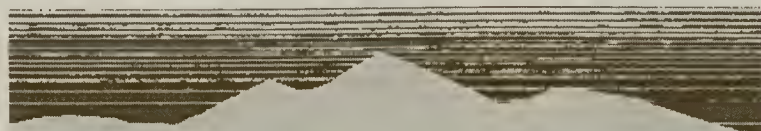
"It improves the learning because you're reading and hearing at the same time," she said, "You're controlling what it reads."

Textaloud is a simpler program that reads what is on a computer screen. The other two programs are both more advanced, giving students the option to highlight key information and to take notes on what is being covered. Textaloud costs about \$30 to install on each computer, while the others are \$400.

According to Etter, while the programs are relatively new to education, they have been successful.

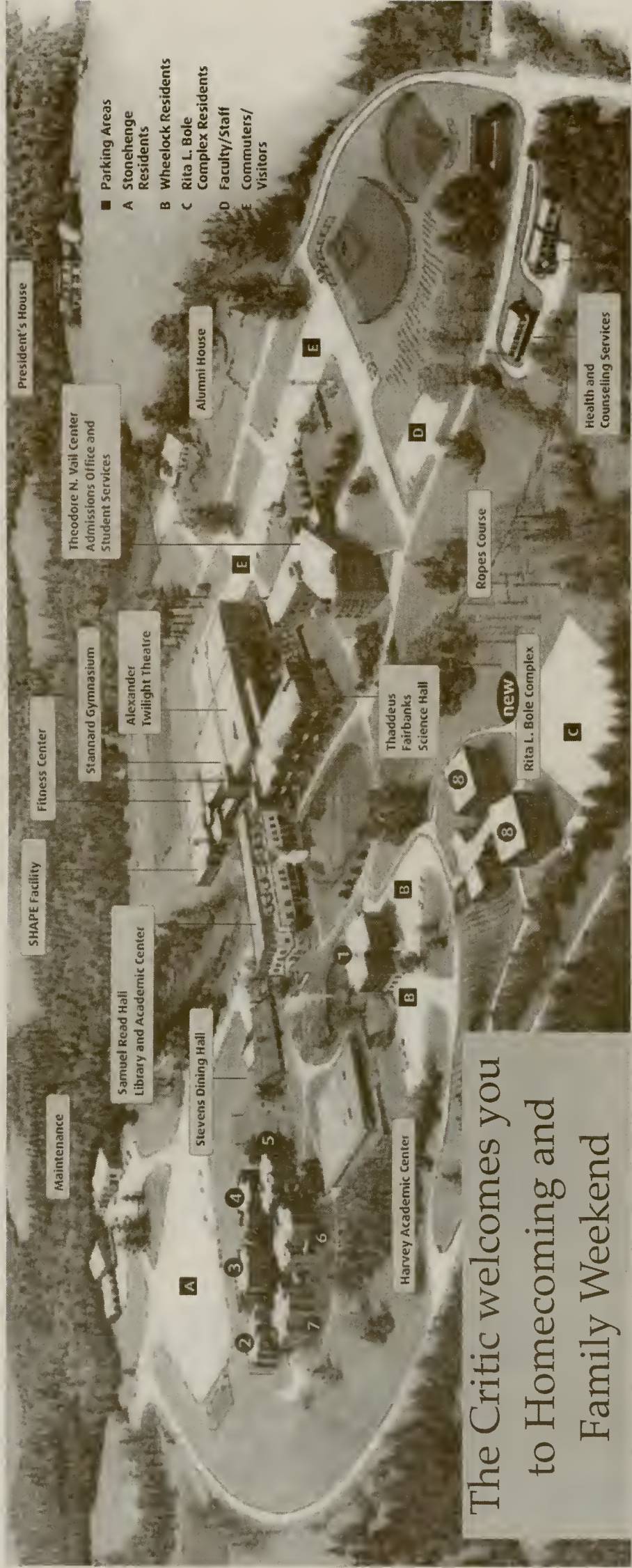
"When the information is coming in two forms that works for them [students], it takes off," she said.

The programs will be completely installed on computers throughout campus within a month.



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The Critic welcomes you to Homecoming and Family Weekend

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Theatre Lobby
4:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. - Sunday p.m.
Former disc jockeys invited to run the show!
Sign up with the Alumni Office for your shift.
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Theatre Lobby
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Theatre Lobby
7:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Library Pond
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
ASAC 100
Inductees: Jaclyn Priesley-Smith '76; Eric Berry '91; Michael Bruhn '99; Special recognition for: 2000-2001 Men's Basketball Team
7:30 - 11:30 p.m.
Next to Library Pond & In Student Center

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Rita Bole Gymnasium
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Theatre Lobby
8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
St. John's Country Club
Registration 9-9 a.m.; Shotgun start at 9 a.m.
\$95 per person
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
ASAC 100
\$10 per person
Faculty/Staff Recognition Award - Linda Mitchell
Loyalty Award - Sue Ostruth Smith '99
Class Roll Call Class of 1955; Class of 1960; Class of 1965; Class of 1970; Class of 1975; Class of 1980; Class of 1985; Class of 1990; Class of 1995; Class of 2000
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
New! Family fun: Try your hand at anchoring, sports casting, or reporting the weather!
Former Squash Courts
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Stevens Dining Hall
11:00 a.m.
Standard Gymnasium
11:00 a.m.
Dudley Bell Tennis Center
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Between Wheelock & HAC

8:00 - 9:00 p.m.
NYC-based professional a cappella band
8:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Theatre
Tickets available at the door: Free with Lyndon student ID.
\$5 covers both 8:00 and 9:30 p.m. events
9:15 - 10:30 p.m.
Off Show - Theatre
Comedian and Magician, Michael Kent and The Show
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Alumni Dining Room
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Stevens Dining Hall
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Soccer Field
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
In memory of Mike Fournier '93 and Jason Gaumond '95
Entrance to Cross Country Trail
10:30 - 11:30 p.m.
Soccer Field
Men's Soccer Alumni vs. Lyndon Varsity
11:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m.
Step Forward Baseball & Softball Fields
Women's Alumni Softball vs. Lyndon Varsity
Men's Alumni Baseball vs. Lyndon Varsity

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Hayrides, pumpkin carving, face painting, music & more! New this year: Photo booth!
12:00 p.m.
Observation Deck
12:30 - 2:30 p.m.
T202
1:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Soccer Field
1:00 p.m.
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Rugby Field
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Rugby Field
2:30 - 4:00 p.m.
Outside HAC
Roaming magician/comedian.
2:30 p.m.
Class of 1960 & Friends Gathering
The Quaking Club - Lyndonville
3:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Burke Mountain
Featuring Vermont Bluegrass. For more info and tickets
Visit www.skiburke.com
3:30 p.m.
Soccer Field
4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Burke Mountain Room
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Baseball & Softball Fields - Dependent on fair weather
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

8:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Manor Vail Society Program & Reception
BBQ - A La Carte
Lyndon Women's Soccer vs. Southern Vermont College
Alumni Rugby Game
BBQ - A La Carte
Ice Cream Social
50th Year Reunion
4th Annual Burke Mountain Music Festival
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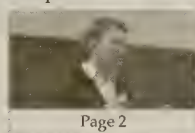
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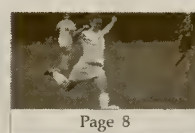
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More cuts affect students



There will be empty chairs in the library every Saturday

Photo by Sam Monroe

Justin Chenette
News Correspondent

Students who use the library on the weekends might have to start adjusting their study or research schedules due to a recent change: the library is now closed every Saturday.

In the latest round of budget cuts facing the college, library hours have been put on the chopping block. It was decided by administration

that a job vacancy would not be filled for this upcoming school year.

The decision leaves about a 15-hour hole for the library to fill.

"It was out of our control," said Garet Nelson, library director, "We asked to rehire...that request was denied."

Without the necessary financial capacity to cushion such a blow, the library had to develop its own plan of attack, or rather a plan to cut.

The team of library staff led by Nelson crunched the numbers to see where cuts could be made while minimizing the impact on students. According to hourly sweeps collected by library staff throughout last year, Saturdays were determined to be the slowest day of the week for the library. One estimate pegs the numbers to be anywhere from one to 14 students actually utilize the library during the 5 hours its open on Saturdays.

After cutting the five hours from Saturday it was determined that no other times could be cut. The current staff filled the remaining 10-hour hole in an effort to give students every opportunity they need to study.

"It's a major inconvenience because Saturday is my homework day of the week," said Nate Carter, a senior television studies major.

Meagan Yetsko, a junior animation and illustration

major, was not aware of the change in hours.

"No library on Saturdays? It would be convenient if it was open every day," she said.

The library staff is also concerned about having to cut hours.

"Reducing the number of hours is a negative effect," Nelson said. However, the staff determined Saturdays would have the lowest impact on students.

Elected rep seats still open

Sam Monroe
Critic Editor

The Student Government Association added 10 students to its voting voice this week after the student population was given a chance to vote for class representatives, but the student body was not given a chance to write-in representatives they thought were worthy.

"I had a meeting with them (the new reps) on Tuesday,

and they are all inspired and ready," said SGA president John Kleinhans.

The SGA was able to fill every first year and second year seat. Two third year seats will remain vacant and all of the fourth year and commuter seats remain empty.

However, students were not given a chance to nominate someone who may not have made it onto the ballot. Write-in spots were not included in this year's election.

"It was our mistake that we didn't have a write-in," said Kleinhans. "We believe the best way to move on is to appoint a full body."

No fourth year students or commuters submitted a petition. However, in the past many seats have been filled because of the write-in portion of the election.

"I believe the people interested in filling the fourth year spots will come talk to us," said Kleinhans. "We're going to have a full body through appointments."

Just because a seat is empty after the election does not mean it will remain empty all year. The SGA has an opportunity to appoint students who they feel fit. Any candidate who is looking to be appointed must meet the approval of the SGA body that includes current reps and club reps.

This year's incoming elected reps are mostly new to the process with just one returning elected rep from last year.

Katee Ingram and Brett Rubinate will represent the

junior class. Ingram has represented the Spirit Squad in past years but will turn her focus to her class as a whole this year.

Representatives from the sophomore class will be Meghan Dolyak, Arianna Millington, Rachel Kelley and Ashley Fortin. Millington is returning for her second year as a class rep.

Newcomers to the SGA process will be first year reps Kenedi Hall, Jacqueline Fitzgerald, Daniel Weiner and Kelly LaCroix.

Weekend Weather Outlook: Jordan Sherman

Friday:



HIGH
78
WINDS
S 5-10

► Morning clouds giving way to a partly cloudy day

Friday night:



LOW
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WINDS
W 5-10

► Increasing clouds with rain showers moving in late

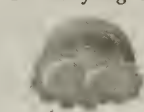
Saturday:



HIGH
62
WINDS
W 5-10

► Mostly cloudy skies with the threat of scattered rain showers

Saturday night:



LOW
45
WINDS
NW 4

► Cloudy skies with scattered showers throughout the night

Sunday:



HIGH
59
WINDS
E 5

► Morning clouds break way to sunny skies for the day

Salmon swims with new political party

Aimee Lawton
News Editor

Democrat-turned-Republican Tom Salmon is running for state auditor again this fall, and he advises students to wear lots of moccasins to be successful in life.

Salmon stopped by LSC on Monday night to speak with the Lyndon College Republicans and others in attendance. First elected to the auditor's office in 2006, Salmon's biggest focus has

been on improving government performance and the current financial condition of the state.

Salmon, a native of Belows Falls, first ran for office as a Democrat but has recently changed political parties because he felt his ideas were more closely related to those of Republicans.

"I was born a Democrat, so switching parties was not taken lightly," Salmon said.

After returning from his military service in Iraq,

Salmon wanted to speak out over the financial situation of the state, and said that the Vermont Republican party was more in line with who he was.

"It was the party that fit," Salmon said.

As Vermont's state auditor, Salmon and his team are responsible for monitoring all financial, compliance, and performance audits. They are also responsible for overseeing other projects that are maintained by the auditor's office including school projects, maintenance of the sex offender registry, data mining, and controlling the decontamination fund for Vermont Yankee.

The main part of Salmon's speech focused on five rules that everyone should live by. The first was to be sincere.

"Practice saying what you mean and meaning what you say, even if it gets you in trouble," Salmon said. "People will respect you and you will be more powerful in life."

The second rule was to "sharpen your saw," which Salmon said will help you be

your best and learn new things. This was a strategy that he often would use in his days as a teacher because it helped students be in control of their destinies.

Salmon then encouraged his audience to love what they do.

"If you do this, then nothing will stop you," he said.

The next rule was the one that was most emphasized during the speech, when Salmon encouraged his audience to "wear as many moccasins as they can" as a way to build trust and relate well with others.

"Wear as many different people's shoes throughout your life as possible," he said. "This will help you explore new things, will give you situational awareness to relate to the greatest number of people, and will make you a stronger and better person and leader."

The last of these rules was to ask other people to help you achieve your dreams. Salmon said that including others in your dreams makes them real and helps you stay true to them.

At the end of his speech, Salmon responded to questions and concerns that the audience had. Several questions posed looked at recreation and the tourism industry, both of which Salmon said were an "economic engine" in the state. He said that the ski resorts

bring a huge profit in to Vermont every year, and it is important to keep them running. He expressed that the biggest problems associated with tourism have to do with business permitting issues, lack of marketing, and lack of a state wide strategic plan to monitor what direction the state is going in terms of tourism.

Salmon ended the night by asking both students and others in the audience what their biggest concerns were, and what kind of change they wanted to see brought to the state.

Senior Television Studies major Nick Ploof said that he was concerned that there were not many opportunities for broadcast journalism jobs in the state, and that he felt like he would have to live somewhere else in order to find work.

"I would like to see what the landscape is going to be like in the state," Ploof said. "If opportunity knocks, then I will stay."

Other students expressed similar concerns, as well as concerns addressing Vermont's financial position, high taxes, and cost of living. Salmon added that he is optimistic about the young people and the talent that are in the state, but is pessimistic about the government and spending. He would like to see more young people become involved in politics, and bring new ideas to the table.



Tom Salmon visits LSC.

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Hiring of new faculty and staff unlikely

Sam Monroe
Editor

President Carol Moore has heard the cries of the faculty at Lyndon State College asking for more full-time faculty; however she does not believe it is a plausible goal.

"We certainly need more faculty and we certainly need more staff, but we can only do what we can do and balance the budget," Moore said.

During a Faculty Assembly, the assembly voted to amend the current priorities to include a bullet that states the college will attempt to hire more full time faculty due to the increase in students in recent years.

Lyndon has hired full-time faculty in recent memory to replace retiring professors according to Moore. The college has also hired professors for new degree programs

such as music business and industry.

"Dean Dalton and I have tried to work this out," said Moore. "But we have just not been in a position to increase the total number of faculty, it is a final issue; we just do not have the money to do it."

Currently there are 59 full-time faculty on campus. A number that several members of the assembly feel is just too small.

"One issue we should include is the lack of hiring of new staff and faculty," said James Bozeman, the faculty assembly chair.

"A lot of our offices are one-person offices. If they are sick there is no way they are going to be able to do that job," said Moore. "It's unlikely that we are going to hire a lot of new faculty in the near future; that is just the way it is."

Business professor honored at brunch

Candice Kopec
Critic Staff

After twenty years at Lyndon State College, Linda Mitchell, a professor of business administration, has received the Faculty and Staff Recognition Award.

Mitchell was presented the award last Saturday at the alumni brunch.

"It's pretty special when

former students nominate you for recognition and are able to convince others on the Alumni Council that you are the best choice for the award," Mitchell said.

This recognition award is presented to a current or past faculty or staff member who has made a considerable impact on the lives of alumni, who also shows evidence of participation in organizations

associated to his or her profession. This also displays leadership around the LSC community.

Mitchell came to Lyndon State in 1989. At Lyndon, she has been named chair of the LSC Business Administration Department, worked to expand the Adult Learning Program, enhanced retention and graduation rates, and improved the department's of-

ferings to include marketing and management concentrations.

"This is truly a great honor, and well deserved," LSC President Carol Moore said.

Mitchell said she felt thankful for this recognition.

"Every day I am mindful that my job is to provide students with knowledge, skills, and examples that they can use to realize their particular

dreams and aspirations," she said, "I have to provide opportunities for students to develop, test, and use their talents, interests, experience, skills, and knowledge in ways that will result in fulfilling their dreams. You are my inspiration. Alumni are the end goal for my work as an LSC professor. Thank you, LSC alumnus".

Phonathon asks for donations

Dan Nichols
News Correspondent

As Lyndon State College approaches its 100th anniversary in 2011, the Alumni Office is stepping up its efforts reaching out to alumni in its annual Phonathon.

The fall Phonathon, running from mid-October through the end of November, will attempt to raise funds for things like "providing scholarships for future students, state-of-the-art academic equipment and towards improving the grounds around campus," said Hannah Manley, Director of Alumni Relationships & Development and Lyndon State class of 1997.

The Alumni office says that most donations are in the \$25 to \$50 range, which may not seem like much, but with thousands of generous alumni donating it certainly adds up. The current goal for the campaign is \$150,000.

Fundraising efforts aside, the Phonathon will also have a second kind of economic impact at Lyndon: by offering jobs to ten to fifteen LSC students. Students looking to earn a little extra cash and help their campus are welcome to apply by contacting Hannah Manley at hannah.manley@lyndonstate.edu. Both work study and direct hire positions are available.

Summer on the campaign trail

Robert Trucott
News Correspondent

"A great experience" is just one of the ways Aimee Lawton described her internship working on a political campaign.

Over the summer, Lawton helped promote her stepfather Paul Beaudry, in his Republican primary campaign for Vermont's U.S. House seat. Beaudry won the primary in August and will face Democrat Peter Welch in November. She said that Beaudry has a good chance of winning the election this November because people are frustrated with the condition in Washington, and are looking for change.

Lawton helped Beaudry with public relations, such as writing press releases and communicating with the media. She was also able to travel all around the state

with him. She described this experience as one that really allowed her to break out of her shell.

"It gave me exposure to the media, politics, and also allowed me to make some networking connections."

Lawton said. "I also got to meet all the candidates, which was pretty neat."

This internship helped her academic profile as well. She received six college credits after all her hard work was done. Over the course of the summer, Lawton accumulated 300 hours of internship work on top of working her regular job.

"I definitely recommend this kind of internship for other college students because it really allows them to get out into the world," Lawton said. "And of course getting the credits isn't a bad thing either."

Adventure Recreation helps students enjoy the outdoors

Aaron Kormos
News Correspondent

One thing that many students here at Lyndon State College have in common is an enjoyment of outdoor activities.

Whether it be hiking, rock climbing, kayaking, skiing, or snowboarding, the environment around LSC may have influenced one's choice to come here. And why not, upstate Vermont is a great place for such activities. But the fact is that until this year, such activities were either up to the students or only loosely coordinated.

In an attempt to smooth out the edges and connect more activities, LSC is introducing the Adventure Recreation Program, which will work closely with such clubs as the Outing Club. The basic idea is to combine many activities that used to be inde-

pendent of each other, making it easier to manage and creating greater student involvement.

Some of the on-campus activities included in the program are the rock gym, disc golf course, and of course the infamous rope course located down by Rita Bole, which to most students seemed inaccessible.

Jamie Struck, the adventure program director, wishes to make some changes. Some of these changes can already be seen, such as the hours for the new rock gym, which went from only being open several times a week last year to being open seven days a week from six to ten at night.

There's more in store. Struck wants to get more students involved with all of the activities, which includes making the rope courses open more often. Struck wishes to make it so that students can

be trained in programs and then get other students involved, and even to have outreach to the community and local schools.

"It's my job to make it happen, Struck said"

The program is not limited to the campus. There are trips being planned for off-campus activities, and Struck also stated that transport services are going to be offered to such places as Burke Mountain in the winter so students won't have to drive themselves.

A list of events will be sent out in a student all email every Wednesday, as well as being posted at Jamie Struck's office in HAC 130. So whatever your outdoor pleasures may be, it looks like LSC will be attempting to accommodate you this year. If nothing else, it's another reason to try something new.

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Wow, there's plenty of smoothies for

everyone.
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• Wheelock

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Thefts from cars

Sept. 14:
• Whitelaw
That better be regular lemonade!

Underage drinking

Preparing to do and die

Robert Patton
Critic Staff

As students, what we learn and experience now can impact what we do later in life. What George W. Bush did as President may not have been very different from how he carried on in Skull and Bones at Yale. Who knows where some of us will end up down the road?

So perhaps we should be grateful that so much of our college life mimics the life of our political leaders and prepares some of us to replace them. The current controversy over the demand for investigation of Lyndon President, Carol Moore, is a case in point.

The faculty assembly called for the investigation after thorough discussion and deep thought about the issue. What issue? Why does that matter? As Tennyson said in "The Charge of the Light Brigade," "[ours] not to reason why...[ours] but to do and die."

Then too our representatives in the student government have already responded for us. And of course, when government officials do anything, their actions carry out the will of the governed. That's why they're called representatives.

Since all branches of college government (save the executive branch) have voted on this issue we the people need have no further concern. The returns are in and the majority has ruled. Wait

a minute. What returns? Was there a roll call?

Of course not, the faculty members say, this was a secret ballot. No problem there, when we ordinary citizens go to the polls, we pull the curtain and how we vote is our business.

So how many of the faculty voted for this resolution? Was it a landslide or did the resolution squeak through with a bare 51% of the vote? Sorry, that's a secret too. And of course our student government took their cue from the action of their teachers; we don't know what they voted on and their results are just as secret.

This may seem odd and singularly undemocratic but it's important to look at the positive aspects. When our student leaders graduate and some of them are inspired to move into state or national politics, what they've learned here will stand them in good stead.

Just think how much money is wasted on recounts when the results of an election are close. By keeping these results secret, all that money will be saved. Remember all those problems with the Florida vote count during the Bush/Gore election? It dragged out until the Supreme Court decided not to leave things up to the voters in Florida. But if the numbers were secret, there would have been no call for a recount.

Now as to keeping issues a secret, that strategy is already

well established in our national government. The leaders say we need to invade this country or that country and, once again, ours not to reason why. Remember that the reason we have leaders is so they can carry out the will of the people. In the case of U.S. Presidents, they check out the will of the people once every four years. That's enough of a hassle without checking back with people more often.

How might we end up by following Tennyson's stirring example in "The Charge of the Light Brigade?"

Rudyard Kipling, who lived for a time in Dummerston, Vermont, said it best:

The poor little army departed, limping and lean and forlorn.

And the heart of the Master-singer grew hot with "the scorn of scorn."

And he wrote for them wonderful verses that swept the land like flame,

Till the fatted souls of the English were scourged with the thing called Shame.

O thirty million English that babbled of England's might,

Behold there are twenty heroes who lack their food to-night;

Our children's children are lisping to "honour the charge they made -"

And we leave to the streets and the workhouse the charge of the Light Brigade!

Stick up for yourself for crying out loud

Nate Carter
Columnist

FAIR WARNING - My columns will most likely offend some people. If you are easily offended... DO NOT READ!

I am 22 years old, soon to be 23, and even I feel like an old man complaining about today's youth having "no respect." I blame MTV for this mostly but that's another discussion all together. Case and point: the kids today are such little arrogant punks.

I go back to my high school every once in a while to substitute teach and it seriously shocks me that in the 5 years since I graduated from that place, everything has changed. I am constantly seeing kids running their mouths, bullying others, and thinking they were tough guys. This never happened when I was in elementary or middle school. You know

why? Because you got your ass kicked when you did. I seriously miss the days when I was in elementary and middle school. Before 9/11 and before the Columbine Massacre, things were so much better. I miss the days when you acted like a prick, you got a well deserved ass-kicking for it. Kids never ran their mouths because they knew that there was someone around (possibly an upper-classman) who could easily put them in their place.

Bullying? Maybe it was because I was from a small school but it was NEVER as big of a problem as it is now. I'll admit that I was picked on all the time when I was in school but one day I had enough. This kid was giving me crap and I punched him right in the face and we got into a fight. We both got sent to the principal's office and had a talk about it and I had to write the kid an apology

letter which I didn't mean at all... but THAT WAS IT! That kid never harassed me again. Years later my parents were telling one of their friends about this story and they said that when I got home they sat me down and told me "fighting is wrong" but when I left the room they both high-fived each other and were proud of what I did. I stood up for myself, which kids can't do now for whatever reason. Now if this same scenario happened today I would have most likely been arrested, sent to juvi and have to take counseling classes. This is why no one has any respect... because we don't have anyone to beat it into us anymore if we couldn't learn it on our own. When did we all become a bunch of pansies?

To read the rest of Nate's column log onto lyndon-statecritic.com

What the Funk is Going On? Your Weekly Musings from a Maniacal Music Man



Photo by Brian Lacharite

Brian Lacharite
Columnist

Well hello again loyal readers and newcomers alike. I hope you've all been keeping warm and stocking up on food for the winter (it's coming sooner than you think). This week we have a very special column for you, as I will be reviewing my experience at The Burke Mountain Bluegrass Festival. So not to waste any more time with babble, let's get down to business.

Hicks, hippies, hillbillies, hot dogs, and hops! That pretty much sums up the spirit of things this past weekend, when I was fortunate enough to attend the 4th annual Burke Mountain Bluegrass Festival. When I first arrived there the sights, sounds, and oh so delectable smells of fall had encompassed the surrounding countryside. Pumpkins were strewn about everywhere around the stage. Hay bales lined up in front provided a great hee-haw feel to the show.

The food vendors were serving up tasty morsels of bratwurst, sausages, hot pretzels, popcorn, soups, chili, and of course hot dogs. The beer tent was well stocked with iced cold Long Trail and for those who prefer lesser quality beer, Molson. I couldn't help but indulge in just about everything they had to offer.

Once I had my snacks in hand it was time to scope out a good spot. There was no lack of sitting space, as the festival wasn't overly crowded. There was a nice family atmosphere to the show. A wide range of ages were present from 7 to 70.

I had an expectation before leaving campus that it would mostly be aging hippies, stoned out slackers, and 'rough n tough' rednecks at-

tending this event. Don't get me wrong, they were all present and accounted for as well, but there were also many other demographics represented. A large segment of the crowd had been there for the Burke Mountain Bike Lift. This awesome service provided avid mountain bikers a chance to ride the ski lift up Burke and blaze down on some spectacular trails.

Now of course the most important part of this festival was the music, and oh what glorious music it was. Some mainstream music snobs can be very condescending of bluegrass, but I find its energy, spirit, and overall musical technicality to be so uplifting and joyful.

Hot Flannel kicked things off, giving a very diverse musical performance. Their sound was a perfect blend of traditional bluegrass, mixed in with some Latin/South American and euro-classical flavoring. It was a great way to start the show off.

Following Hot Flannel was Banjo Dan and The Midnite Plowboys. They were more of an old school bluegrass group with a technical proficiency that blew my mind. Their strumming, fiddling, plucking, picking, grinning, and harmonies were so tight and well executed. They incorporated many styles of bluegrass with honky tonk, delta blues, Appalachian, and Nova Scotian influences.

Unfortunately, I was only able to stick around for the first two acts, as my CAB duties forced me to rush back to campus for Duwende, Michael Kent, and The Show off Show. These were all great performances as well. It was an all around great weekend with beautiful weather.

Next week look for things to get a little more political as I review my experience at the Tom Salmon forum. Sayonara everyone.

Please, let's stay on topic

Sam Monroe
Editor

As the editor of The Critic, I attend the Student Government Association meetings each week to represent the club and voice not only my opinion, but be a voice for the members of my club. Before representing The Critic I was the representative for the hockey club for about two and a half years.

This is a job I take seriously, as do most reps in the room. However, last week when I looked at the agenda I was disheartened. I saw a guest speaker on the agenda, and I love guest speakers. Normally Carol Moore or Donna Dalton will come to the SGA meetings to get student feedback and spring new ideas on us. This week, Moore was in attendance and did speak. However, the other speaker really tossed a curveball to me. Phil Scott. Who is this man? He is not a member

of the Lyndon family; he is instead a candidate for Lt. Governor, coming to speak to the SGA at LSC.

Okay fine, maybe he is coming to pitch his plan for higher education or how to get us out of this budget crisis. But no, he came to give a campaign speech. SGA President John Kleinhans attempted to ask him an education question, but it was a campaign speech.

I have no problem with a candidate coming to LSC to give a speech, in fact the College Republicans have been hosting a speaker series every Monday where a candidate comes to give a speech and talk with LSC students.

I understand that politics are important, but isn't there a better time he can appear on campus, and maybe talk to more students?

Student government meetings should be a place where topics related to the school are discussed. Last

week several school related topics were discussed, but I strongly believe Phil Scott coming and talking to the SGA was a waste of time.

He barely mentioned LSC and didn't focus on higher education; instead, he gave a speech about himself and how he got into politics. Important stuff, yes.

From what I understand the executive board plans to have a speaker like this at many more meetings all semester long.

Do I believe it is important to hear the different candidates speak so I can make the best decision when voting in November? Hell yes. However, do I believe that SGA meetings are an inappropriate forum for these speakers? Bleep yes.

I urge the executive board to sit back and remember what the SGA is actually there to do.

To the editor:

I'll try to be brief.

I ask that you please stop wasting space in your paper on the incoherent ill-informed opinions of Mr. Justin Chenette.

It is clear that Mr. Chenette has a personal vendetta against the Student Government Association and it has no place being printed in The Critic. Surely there are more pressing issues to cover than allowing Mr. Chenette the space to preach his personal beliefs and opinions. I've heard he has a website—of course he does—let him express his opinions there. The Critic is not the appropriate medium.

On top of it all, he is wrong. The eight people who have formed the Executive Boards of the last three years are people who have had nothing but the best intentions and operated with the utmost respect for the student body. I challenge you to find two students who care more about the student body at Lyndon more than SGA President John Kleinhans and myself. You can't. John is a strong leader who is fair, honest and passionate about this school. Mr. Chenette is simply interested in drumming up a story out of nothing so he can get more hits on his Facebook "fan" page and his personal website. While we're on the topic: how ridiculous is it that this guy has a fan page on Facebook?

Mr. Chenette and his following (of about a half-dozen people) don't get involved. They don't try to make a difference in any meaningful way. Instead, they complain and accuse good honest people of being unethical crooks who are somehow giving the students at Lyndon "the shaft."

Please put an end to this, Mr. Editor. I've had more than enough and so have the rest of your readers.

Cheers,

Andrew J. Chapin Jr.,

Former President, Student Government Association

To the editor:

This letter to the editor is in response to an earlier letter to the editor that ran in last week's edition of The Critic.

The Lyndon State College Promise

As a member of the Lyndon State College community I will make a sincere effort to:

- Communicate openly, honestly and respectfully with others
- Practice personal and academic integrity
- Discourage bigotry, respect differences and learn from others' ideas, values and experiences
- Respect the property of others
- Be curious, think critically, ask questions and actively contribute to the learning environment
- Demonstrate compassion and responsibility through service and involvement at Lyndon and the surrounding community

The LSC Promise was adopted to be a reminder for students what is asked and more importantly expected of them. I feel some need to read and learn the LSC Promise to understand what I am about to say.

To communicate openly and respectfully means actually willing to speak openly and publically. As I have experienced time and time again this college is more than willing to

listen. Right now what some do is complain to the Critic and on their Facebook. I can imagine that both forums are annoyed by now, as is the rest of the college.

Some on this college are bigots, so narrow-minded and extreme: it is your way or no way. Unfortunately neither the world nor this college revolves around any one person. Please learn to respect the differences of others. Some have yet to learn from others ideas, values, and differences. Lyndon and the surrounding community is a melting pot of a million great things. Many I will take back with me to Texas once I graduate. Don't let the opportunity to learn pass ya'll by.

Please do not wait to ask the question until it is too late. Only to then take to your social media choice of the day to complain how the school has let you down. When you ask questions you will contribute to the learning environment at this college. It comes full circle.

Now this is the opinion of some that I have formed. But please take this as a critique, something you can learn from. Also, if some of ya'll could do us all a favor and make your youtube videos public again, that would be great.

Sincerely,

Chris Shadrock

Administrative Vice President of the SGA

To the editor:

This letter is in response to "Students and faculty divide over potential investigation" published in issue 2 of The Critic.

Okay so here's my issue with this whole "investigation" thing, I have no idea what's truly going on. Between reading The Critic and talking to my peers I have all this so-called information but the majority of it is simply speculation and blown out of proportion rumors which only increases student stress and frustration. There are many speculations going around, such as LSC is going bankrupt so all the majors have to be split and put into other State Colleges.

Another rumor being the reason why we have no money is because we have an enrollment issue. And a third topic of rumor is that President Moore is cutting people's Major classes instead of classes like INT-1020 (which no one ever needs or remem-

bers, am I right?) I mean how am I supposed to take a position on this controversy when I don't know the entire story and all the information that goes along with it?

While I know SGA represents the student body of LSC there hasn't really been any feedback or updates on what's going on. And to be fair, none of the administration has really been clear and concise about what the real issue is and more importantly what their strategic plan is. I propose that we have an open forum discussion between the student body and the administration, including President Moore and faculty, in the Alexander Twilight Theatre very soon because there is a lack of communication and we need a face-to-face interaction to offset these emotionally-charged rumors.

Sincerely,

Margaret George

Sophomore, Human Services

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Airsoft competition hampered by difficult conditions

Justin Golschneider
Critic Staff

Students from Lyndon State College and the University of Vermont are opening fire on each other; casualties are light, but included about \$35 of broken gear and a ripped pair of pants.

"I got shot in the lip," said Armin Delic, an LSC senior in computer science, "It wasn't just one hit me, but a full spray in the face, and I felt it everywhere. But, awesome! Hell yeah! So what if you get shot? It feels good!"

The students were playing airsoft, a combat simulation similar to paintball. The battle took place last Saturday. Players use realistic-looking guns loaded with plastic BBs, and struggle to overcome their enemies in situations ranging from quick free-for-all to multiple-objective battles lasting days.

"It's a pretty intense thing," said senior Ohanga Losambe, double major in global studies and music business, "You go and you get bullets whizzing by your head and it's like oh my God, I need to find cover and shoot back. That's the type of stuff, like you only get that rush in video games, and you get bored of that."

Airsofters at LSC face several challenges to play their chosen sport. While you can play most sports with only a ball and a hoop or a goal, average-quality starting equipment for airsoft costs about \$200, even before counting things like camouflage or secondary weapons.

problems when four people on the round know what they're doing and have quality gear, and the rest of the people have plastic guns that misfire a lot [and] don't shoot as far. It just kinda ruins the game for everybody, really," Joel Mariani, a senior in music business said.

guns. "You always have the chance that someone's going to be in fear, because [airsoft guns] do look like guns," said George Hacking, director of public safety, "They're going to call the police, the police are going to arrive, and now you have a standoff situation

campus." Still, players are hopeful about the possibility of a compromise.

"[The commute] was pretty long," said Daniel Hollis, a senior in television studies, "It would be cool if there was something closer, or even something on campus or nearby, sponsored by CAB or whatever, that we could do."

Bryan Barer, a freshman in new media, said, "I would love it if it was on campus. I think it should be a school-sponsored sport, no joke." However, he added that he thinks "there might be too many hoops to jump through, it might not be practical."

George Hacking admitted that it would be very difficult to allow airsoft to be played on campus, but said that it could eventually be possible.

"To say that it would never happen, I wouldn't say that, but I think that there has to be very good control and policy in place to make it happen," he said, "At this point, I guess this is where it starts - the infancy of discussions is maybe today, and we'll see where it goes from there."

"You gotta start somewhere. Doesn't that happen in every sport?" Delic said.



Students participate in a standoff during an airsoft battle

Due to the high cost of gear, many of the players on Saturday did not have their own guns and had to borrow extras owned by more experienced players.

"You run into a lot of

Contributing to this problem is the inability to keep equipment on campus, which made it impossible for some players to bring their own guns to the field. LSC has strict rules against all types of

Photo by Justin Golschneider with someone with a toy gun and someone with a very real gun... we've all read the horror stories about someone being shot with a toy gun, and that's not something we want to happen here on this

LSC's untapped athletic resource

Eric Blaisdell
Critic Staff

Lyndon State College's new strength and conditioning coach Alex Evans has a lot of experience with high-profile schools, but her skills are underutilized by students.

Evans comes to the LSC with a long list of prestigious colleges she has worked for, including Yale, Harvard, and Marquette. She has her master's degree in strength and conditioning and uses a variety of workouts, including Olympic lifts, agility drills, and sprinting, to get athletes into shape.

"She's worked with athletes at all different levels at a high caliber," LSC men's basketball coach Joe Krupinski said.

Despite Evans' experience, very few students are taking advantage of her programs. The NCAA has rules in place that make off-season conditioning voluntary and out of the coaches' hands. For men's basketball, according to the 2010 NCAA Division III handbook section 17.3.2.1.1, "Team conditioning or physical-fitness activities super-

vised by coaching staff members may be conducted on or off the court but shall not begin before October 15." Soccer, baseball, and cross country, in addition to other sports, have similar restrictions on off-season conditioning.

Oct. 15 is three weeks before the basketball team's first preseason game at LSC. This means it is up to the players if they want to be in shape before the season starts. This can present problems for Krupinski because he has no idea what kind of form the players will be in.

"It comes down to the interest and effort of the guys themselves," he said, "It's always interesting to see what type of shape guys come in because you don't have any control over them in the summer."

Evans, coming from NCAA Division I schools where athletes are under scholarship and are required to do off-season conditioning, has her work cut out for her here.

"It's been a bit of a challenge to get the athletes to come in," she said, "It's differ-

ent, that's for sure."

This is the second year for the strength and conditioning program. Before it was in place, conditioning was run by the students themselves.

We're fortunate to have the strength and conditioning program that they can take advantage of," Krupinski said, "One way to get an edge on the other people you're competing against within the team is to be in good shape."

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Sept. 26 vs. Maine Maritime 2pm

Sept. 30 @ Plymouth

Men's Soccer

Sept. 25 vs. Husson 1pm

Sept. 26 vs. Maine Maritime 12pm

Sept. 30 vs. Vermont Tech 3:30pm

Women's Tennis

Sept 26 @ Becker

Women's Volleyball

Sept. 25 @ Green Mt vs. Hamilton

Sept. 25 @ Green Mt. vs. Gordon

Sept. 26 @ Becker

Sept. 26 @ Becker vs. Johnson

Sept 28 @ Norwich

Cross Country

Sept 25 @ Southern VT

Bold selections are home contests

Take a hike, no, seriously

Kriston Hall
Critic Staff

It's fall, the leaves are starting to change and the air is getting cooler. But if you have an interest in the beauty of the outdoors this is the time of year to enjoy it.

As most returning students know and some freshman are finding out this is the place for hiking. Lyndon is a virtual hub for anyone seeking trails for hiking, biking and walking.

Lake Willoughby is the site of two of these hikes. Mt. Hor (2,648 ft.) and Pisgah (2,750 ft.) border the lake on either side, south and east respectively. Both are intermediate switchback style hikes and offer spectacular views of the water and a small portion of the surrounding area. Both can be done in an afternoon but incorporate steep climbs.

Mt. Wheeler (2,370 ft.) is a personal favorite of mine. Its to the west of Willoughby and slightly more remote than Hor or Pisgah. It's a very surreal hike that has the feeling of being deep in the wilderness.

Another great day hike is Bald Mt. (3,315 ft.), to the East of the lake. It is a relatively easy hike, that follows an old access road to a fire tower at the summit. The path meanders its way up the mountain and stays a low grade until you reach the ledges that make up the last half mile or so.

Any one of these hikes are a great way to spend a sunny afternoon. They are well maintain and there's always someone on the trail who can answer questions about the area. So next time you and your friends are bored during the weekend or after classes, lace up your boots and go explore the wilds of the NEK.



The path to the first tower, Bald Mt. Photo by Kriston Hall



Lake Willoughby from Mt. Pisgah

Photo by Kriston Hall

LSC hockey, edging towards victory

Phil Alexander
Critic Staff

With a roster full of many returning players and some new blood, this year's edition of Lyndon State College Hockey plans to make some splashes in the American Collegiate Hockey Association.

There is no doubt that the team went through some growing pains last season, collecting six wins and eleven losses, but Coach Jonathan Davis expects the team to do the little things in order to improve. "The team must be able to play a consistent 60 minutes and stay out of the penalty box," Davis said.

There are many players on the team's roster capable of achieving these goals, including last year's Northeast Collegiate Hockey Association selections Enrico Paparo and T.J. Duggan. Paparo is also one of the team's two captains, along with Andy Saltarella. Being a fifth-year eligible senior, Paparo looks for the team to have a big season in what is most likely his last year of playing competitive ice hockey.

"I feel like it puts me in a 'go big or go home' scenario. We have a tal-

ented group of guys, including a solid and committed group of newcomers. Hopefully the other returning players and I can help these new players adjust to this level of hockey," Paparo said.

While Paparo and Duggan will be expected to lead the defense, Coach Davis expects Saltarella and younger players such as Tim Patten, Corey Pronto, Chris Martin, Alex Daigle, and Christian Henault to provide a spark to the team's offense.

With only one player not returning from the spring semester, LSC Hockey has the advantage of a roster with nearly full strength. The team will need its strength with tough tests like Daniel Webster College, Springfield College, and Roger Williams College due up on the schedule.

Luckily enough, all three of these games will take place on our home rink, Daniel Webster on November 5, following Springfield College on November 6, and Roger Williams College on February 4.

If the Hornets live up to expectations, Coach Davis can realistically see eight or more regular season wins plus a good playoff run for the team.

Men's soccer shooting for the NAC

Nick Russo
Sports Editor

The men's soccer team is off to its best start in at least four seasons with a record of 5-1-1 in the year's first nine contests, the only problem is they have yet to face a conference opponent.

As the soccer season kicks into high gear, the players seem to have more confidence in their ability than does head coach Peter Kellaway.

"That's a good question, I'm hoping they are," coach Kellaway said when asked about his team's preparedness for conference play. "It's a whole different level not just because you're playing consistent competition in the conference but it is a bit of a grind. One of the things we try to avoid during pre-conference play is injuries and we are banged up a little bit," Kellaway said.

Kellaway counts on perseverance being one of his team's greatest assets this year as they push toward their championship endeavor.

"Our goal from day one was to win the NAC. I think that's probably every team's goal but along the way we aren't going to look backwards. We aren't going to look down. We're just going to look forward," said Kellaway. "If we're going to hit a few road blocks, we'll hit a few road blocks, we're going to continue striving towards our goal."

One of the standouts thus far has been sophomore midfielder Patrice Lumumba, who leads the team with four goals. Lumumba has a great deal

of confidence coming into the first conference matchups this weekend. "Husson and Maine Farmington are tough teams to beat, we need to be great to beat them. We will beat them," he said.

When it comes to the team's prospects of fulfilling Kellaway's goal to win the NAC, Lumumba is unwavering in his positive outlook. "We've started out pretty good so far, we're leading the conference," said Lumumba. "Our goal is to win the NAC, that's the main thing we're focusing on. We're going to win it, there's no doubt about it."

Kellaway is hesitant to call any of his players stars and emphasizes the need for his team to work together as one unit. "Everyone on our team has a role regardless of if they score, assist, play solid defense, or push the team in practice," he said. "If all a player does on the team is makes the starters better and that's their role, then we're going to be better for it."

Kellaway is pleased with the progress of the new players and says the athletes he brought in have been a good fit for the team. Lumumba echoed this sentiment and said, "The new players are very intelligent and smart with the ball, they're strong gifted players too."

The team will finally be put to the test in conference competition this weekend when they play two games at home. "We want the community to support us and be proud of the fact that we have a team that is competing and competing well at this point," said Kellaway.

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Smith, Hornets extend shut out streak to 3, rally off 4 straight wins

Greg Besso
Critic Staff

The Lady Hornets extended their winning streak to four games, and the team's shutout streak to three games.

The Hornets, behind the play of goaltender Samantha Smith have allowed zero goals to their last three opponents.

The winning streak began with a 2-1 win over Becker on Sept. 11. The first shut out came with a 6-0 win over Southern Maine; the next win came in a 9-0 victory over Southern Vermont. The latest victory came in a 3-0 shut out of New Hampshire Tech on Tuesday.

The Hornets have buzzed out to a 6-1-1 record to begin the season. Goaltender Samantha Smith has played every minute of every game and has recorded four shut outs on the year.

Junior Michelle Wilcox leads the team with nine goals and junior Samantha Bergeron is second with eight goals on the season. Bergeron has also tallied five assists on the season.

The Hornets will start their conference schedule tomorrow against Husson at LSC.



Photos by Ian MacDonald

Above: Preslee Jacobs looks to take a shot before scoring one of her two goals against New Hampshire Tech Tuesday. Below: Naomi White takes a shot against New Hampshire Tech.



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Photo by Sam Monroe

Goaltender Samantha Smith dives on top of a loose ball Tuesday. The shut out was her third straight.



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Left: Kaitlyn Lamb attempts to protect the ball. Above: Michelle Wilcox tries to steal the ball from a southern Vermont player.



Ceili Grinnell attempts to put a ball past a New Hampshire Tech defender.

Photo by Ian MacDonald

Twilight Players "Play On"!

Madi Cox
Managing Editor

Now that auditions are final for the upcoming fall play, "Play On", performed by the Twilight Players, the cast and crew of the show are ready to play on through rehearsals and set-building.

The number of students auditioning for this semester's play has been about average, with roughly twenty students trying out each of the two nights. However, with only ten roles available, many students will be left without a part. The play involves a struggling theater company trying to raise money in order to stay viable.

"We have a lot of talent, and not enough roles," assistant director Leani Lopez said. The Twilight Players do not want this to deter people from staying involved with the club; however there are only so many parts to be fulfilled.

"Not everyone who tries out gets a lead role the first time," Nadine Grimley, president of the Twilight Players said. She encourages people to stay involved with the performance through lighting, sound, costumes, and set production.

The spring musical will be "Blood Brothers", a murder mystery instead of the club's previous plan of doing "Into the Woods". For the reason that other productions have been done recently, the club voted to switch to "Blood Brothers".

"It will be hard to get a crowd. We have to be our own proponents and be walking advertisements," Grimley said, "It's not like RENT where everyone knew the show and came."

"Play On!" will be performed Nov. 11-14 in the Alexander Twilight Theatre.



Photos by Caleb Dudley

Top: Kim Stacy, also seen in last semester's play "Rent", sets the bar as she belts out her lines at auditions hoping for a part in "Play On".

Bottom Left: Jake Machell shows his true passion on stage during "Play On" auditions.

Bottom Right: Graeme Hall stands at the podium while reading his lines with enthusiasm and seems confident he'll steal a part in the upcoming play.



King of kettle corn in the Kingdom

Emilie Lariviere
Entertainment Editor

Those who enjoy freshly popped kettle corn: look no further. Kingdom Kernels is here to help solve those cravings.

Kingdom Kernels is a family-owned business that just opened this past July. Paul and Lauran Van Der Eems are the entrepreneurs of this venture. It is mostly Laurant's, as Paul works a full-time job and then helps out with the kettle corn business as he can.

The Van Der Eems moved to Vermont in the summer of 2009 from Portland Oregon. They first got the idea to start Kingdom Kernels when they went to area events and farmers markets and found no ket-

tle corn being sold anywhere.

"We felt like it would be a benefit to the community to bring it in," Laurant said.

Currently Kingdom Kernels is offered at community events and farmers markets. They also were at the Caledonia County Fair this past August. They are at the Lyndonville farmers market every Friday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. and also the St. Johnsbury market on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The four children also help with the business. They have a 7 and 8 year old who are learning all sorts of skills by being involved and come weekly to at least one market to take part. The Van Der Eems also have a 15 and 18 year old that both helped out a lot during the summer.

The process of making kettle corn is quite interesting and can be made from start to finish in just two minutes. According to Van Der Eems, the most difficult part of this business is, "the physical aspect gets really tiring and difficult." If they are popping on site it requires some preparations ahead of time to have some product ready to go, and then loading the equipment onto a 12-foot utility trailer. They have to get there early to start setting up. There is a lot of equipment involved, including a 100 lb propane tank, the kettle which alone weighs over 200 lbs, the sifting bin weighing about 80 lbs and a unit sink due to state regulations that also weighs a few hundred pounds).

"I have gained muscle just from stirring the big kettle," she said.

Kingdom Kernels is a small local company producing healthy snacks to our community. They currently have five varieties: Original kettle corn, maple kettle corn, snickerdoodle kettle corn, and their newest, Autumn Spice, which so far has been received very well, as well as plain kettle corn which has no sugar for people with dietary restrictions. Van Der Eems is already thinking of a Christmas type with red and green kettle corns to sell for a festive twist.

Van Der Eems' future plans are to expand to more local venues such as the Burke festival, Danville, the high schools and maybe Lyn-

don State College. They would like to start selling to food co-ops but not grocery stores as their product's shelf life is only 5-7 days due to the fact that there are no preservatives in the product and they don't want to start adding it because it would take away from the healthy aspect of this snack.

Their vision, according to the Van Der Eems, is to "serve this community. Our heart is to not venture too far beyond but to offer this product to this community and become a reliable source at the markets and annual special events that are held."

You can check out Kingdom Kernels today at the farmers market in the park across from the Whites Market in Lyndonville.

Toy Story 3: The Final Hoorah

Ethan Mitchell
Critic Staff

It is tough to create a sequel that lives up to the name of the original, but the genius minds behind the Toy Story franchise have miraculously seemed to avoid the sequel flop stigma not once, but twice. Toy Story 3 was a classic Disney masterpiece. Not only did the film leave the series with a reasonable ending, but it created a whole new adventure involving the gang of toys that children have come to know and love.

Although it was highly entertaining and needless to say, hilarious, it was a bit darker than your average children's movie. That being said, the plot was fantastic and the movie is definitely worth checking out.

It is hard for acting to go wrong with animated films, but there is certainly a technique to making the characters come to life. Woody and the gang have, since the first film, been able to replicate an array of genuine emotions - being toys, that is impressive. Seriously though, the stars behind the toy characters are displaying serious conviction

in their roles.

Although they are not physically on screen, each actor is deep in the mind of their persona. There was never a scene when I could accuse Woody (Tom Hanks) of bad acting - we know Woody though. The third installment features new cast members with new unique stories and unique personas - Lotso (Ned Beatty), the toy villain, in particular. The villainous character added a completely new dynamic to the series. He isn't just scary; this big pink bear is downright evil. Character development is phenomenal and I would not have expected any less from the people who introduced us to the original family of toys.

It is unnecessary to say that the plot of this film was right on - perfect. With Andy going off to college, there seems to be no hope for our pals: wrong. The plot takes a wild turn off from the beaten path. The toys, losing all hope, hoist themselves into a box that gets them into a daycare - a chance for them to be played with again.

Realizing they put themselves in a bad situation, the

rest of the film becomes a prison break. Trying to survive, the gang is put in some peculiar situations that they must work together to overcome. The film is extremely well written - action packed, incredibly humorous, suspenseful, and classically heart-warming.

The entire series is phenomenal, but Toy Story 3 puts the icing on the cake if you will: closure. Inevitably, Andy grew up, but there is a light at the end of the tunnel and that is where this final installment takes us. If you're looking for a tearjerker that will still keep you on the edge of your seat, go watch this movie.

Fall's Escape

Emilie Lariviere

The color orange is such a bold color that stands out, If you see an orange shirt, car or house you are almost tempted to shield your eyes. But for some reason when we think of the color orange we think of pumpkins, fall foliage, and apple cider.

All of these items represent fall.

Fall is a mystifying season.

It somehow brings peace and joy.

It is full of fun filled events such as pumpkin carving, scarecrow building and that warm smell of fresh apple pie being baked in your oven.

The best part of fall is the crisp crunch of leaves underneath your feet as you go for those fun autumn walks, especially at night.

Yes fall could be a dreary time of the year as it is the transition into winter but instead we awe at the beautiful foliage, fall into the essence of the orange leaves.

Escape into fall.

Embrace fall.

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Eating with Em



Emilie Lariviere
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What's cooking in the kitchen?

Apple Curry Blossoms

Prep List:

1 Package of Won Ton Wrappers
1 Egg White
Curry Powder
2 Braeburn Apples
Mozzarella Cheese
Salt and Pepper
Mayonnaise

Instructions:

Pre-heat oven to 350.

Place the egg white in a separate bowl and set aside. Take the apples, peel them and then dice them into a small dice. Add the apples into a bowl, one cup of mozzarella cheese, 1 TB of Mayonnaise (just enough to make it wet) Add a pinch of salt and pepper and about 2 TB of Curry powder. Stir all the ingredients together. Take the won ton wrappers and dip them in the egg white, just enough to make them slightly moistened. Spray a small muffin pan and then carefully place the wrappers into a small muffin pan. (They rip very easily so be careful to treat with love). Scoop small spoonfuls of apple curry mixture into the wrappers then bake in the oven for 8 minutes. Let these delicious treats cool for five minutes before indulging yourself.

Chef's Corner

Fall is here! Apple picking can be a fun adventure to do with your classmates, friends or family. There are so many options when it comes to apples. You can get very creative especially when it comes to cooking. Apple Curry Blossoms are AMAZING! I was introduced to curry in Switzerland believe it or not, from my Thai classmates and let me tell you it was love at first taste. Curry can be rather spicy but all depending how you cook it and what it's complementing it can give you a little kick or it can truly wow your taste buds. This little snack costs \$10 or less, is fairly good for you and tastes like something you more than likely have never tasted before.

Nutritional Aspect

Eating one apple will give

you more energy than a cup of caffeine. They are low in calories and high in soluble fiber that helps lower cholesterol. Apples are not high in vitamin C, although they do contain 8mg. Next time you are in need of a little extra energy to get through those late night cram sessions, stop and have an apple, it can't hurt and it may do some good to your body.



Fight for love?

Tyler A. Kittleman
Critic Staff

Cyrus is about a man named John (John C. Reilly) whose life is caught at a stand still, and his best friend/ex-wife Jamie (Catherine Keener) is getting re-married. Jamie and her new fiancé have a party for the celebration of their engagement and they invited John hoping he would find some lucky girl. After getting a little drunk and peeing on a tree John meets the girl of his dreams and her name is Molly (Marisa Tomei) and they both fall head over heels for each other. But there's only one problem: she has another man in her life, Cyrus (Jonah Hill), her 22 year old son who still lives at home.

John and Molly have a certain chemistry and the perfect for one other, but Molly does not want to move the relationship out of John's house. Until one day John out of curiosity follows Molly home to finally meet her son Cyrus. The relationship at first between the two was fine until Cyrus steals John's shoes and after that a small and weird war between the two for Molly's love starts.

This was a very twisted comedy and reminded me a lot of the film World's Greatest Dad starring Robin Williams. It had a sense of reality, comedy and also this feeling of "why."

While watching this I couldn't stop asking myself "how could this happen to such a nice guy." I would have to say I liked it a lot because it was an older idea recycled into a new one and it seemed realistic. If you're in the mood for a movie that makes you think and makes you really feel for the character then you should watch this great and amazing film. I give this film five out of five stars and if you're interested in watching more terrific and original films like this one check out Catamount Arts and it's free for Lyndon State students.

Crazy Horoscopes

Aquarius

January 20 - February 18

Your losing streak is about to end. Keep gambling.

Pisces

February 19 - March 20

You are the eternal optimist, seeing the best of any situation. Basically, you live in a dream world. Turn on Fox News, for Christ's sake.

Aries

March 21 - April 19

You tend to be headstrong. Basically, you just don't care what people think and do what you want. Not a good week to take that job being a DJ at that all-request radio station.

Taurus

April 20 - May 20

You are a warm and friendly person who loves the earth. We get it. Now please take a shower. Please.

Gemini

May 21 - June 20

Long-winded rambling voicemail messages coming at you all day.

Cancer

June 21 - July 22

Open up a lemonade stand this weekend—your business-like attitude to life and knack for making money will lead to success. So much success that you could probably buy an island and withdraw from Lyndon by Monday morning.

Leo

July 23 - August 22

You are the adventurous type, but please don't try to go skiing this weekend. It may be in the 30s lately, but there is still plenty of exposed rock.

Virgo

August 23 - September 22

At some point this weekend, someone will take a photo of you and you'll love it so much it will be your Facebook profile picture for at least 3 weeks.

Libra

September 23 - October 22

Don't check your mail this week.

Scorpio

October 23 - November 21

Last week, you made it onto Santa's naughty list. Idiot. Time to make it up to the big guy.

Sagittarius

November 22 - December 21

You are the one to blame for Global Warming. Just admit it and we can move on.

Capricorn

December 22 - January 19

Saying things like "JK" and "LOL" in casual, in-person conversation will take a bad turn when the U.S. Immigration authorities determine that it is a foreign language and ship you out of the country. So... stop.

It really gets me when...

Ryan Longe

Entertainment Correspondent

It really gets me when...day in and day out there are rude people here and there. Why they are rude, I don't really care, but what I do care about is the fact that they are rude. Not only to me, but I frown upon those that are rude to people around me.

I may be at the store, in a restaurant or here on campus, wherever I am it always gets me with people feel the need to be rude. Why they might be rude beats me; maybe it's because they are unhappy with themselves, their life in general or maybe just having a bad day. Whatever the cause for their rudeness may be, I for one don't care, but don't pawn your rudeness onto me

or anyone else.

You shouldn't start from the get-go being rude to whomever you are dealing with, of course unless they have done something prior to start the flame of rudeness. Just remember if you are approached and have to deal with someone being rude, put a smile on and be as nice as possible as this will really tick them off!

In the end, if you are one of those people that are naturally rude well just know that what goes around comes around. Be nice at the start, don't start out rude, it's not good and people will definitely look at you and be thinking "what a schmuck!" Now you wouldn't want that now would you?

Want to get out of Lyndonville?

Katelyn Zenie

News Correspondent

Students can travel to Six Flags New England and to New York City this semester as the Campus Activities Board carries on a tradition of free bus trips.

The first trip of the 2010 season is to Six Flags, near Springfield, Mass., on Oct. 16, a Saturday. There is no fee for the bus, and the tickets to the park are free. The bus leaves Vail parking lot at 9 a.m.

"Six Flags is going to be a great time," said Brian Stone, a member of CAB. "Tickets are going to be included so it really gives everyone a chance to go."

A popular ride is the bus trip to New York City. The bus will drive students to the city and drop them off and pick them up later. It is up to the students what they want to do in the city.

The first New York trip of the year will be on Saturday, Dec. 4. The bus will leave the Vail lot at 5 a.m.

Catamount Movies

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Fri., Sep. 24 - Film "ENTRE NOS"

opens 7:00pm

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New quota keeps an eye on the future

Kelleigh Duffy
New Correspondent

The new paper quota has sparked a variety of emotions from students on campus, although it will not take effect until next year.

"We are still trying to get a handle on the amount of paper used on campus," Chief Technology Officer Mike Dente said.

The quota was created in an attempt to save money and reduce impact on the environment. By reducing the amount of paper used for printing, LSC is projected to save \$6500 in toner.

The program used to keep track of paper usage, PaperCut Pro, counts by dollars. This is how the price of two cents per page came to be (\$25 limit at two cents per page = 1000 pages for the year). Students are not actu-

ally charged the \$25, that amount is meant to show how the software works.

Currently, students are not being charged if they exceed the 1000-page limit. Instead, this quota is to measure how much paper students go through on average to gauge how much is necessary for next year.

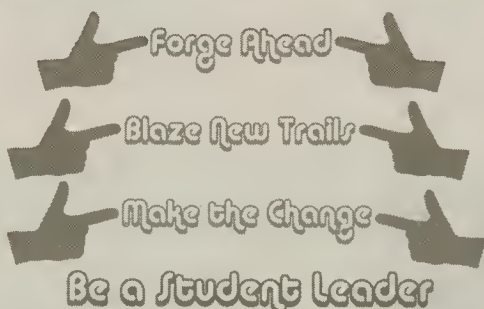
"We will increase the limit if needed," Dente said. "Next year we intend to charge for overages. But we also need to watch the data for this year to make sure the 1000 pages is the correct number. It may be more or less."

Exceptions will be made for students with majors that require them to print more. Paper printed during work-study job hours with also not be deducted from the students' 1000 page limit.



The balloon 'Freedom' floats above the softball field as part of Alumni and Family Weekend. President Carol Moore was one of the first to go up in the balloon. Balloon rides were offered on Saturday and more than 100 people were able to experience the thrill of a hot air balloon.

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What do you think of the printing quota of 1,000 pages per student each year?



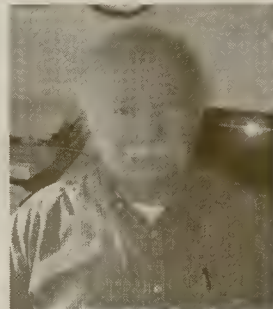
Ed Horan
Sophomore, Electronic Journalism

"I think it's fine, because who really needs more than 1,000 pages?"



Patrick Newill
Freshman, Mountain Recreation Management.

"Sounds good."



Ernie Broadwater
Education professor.

"It's too bad to put limits on things like that. I ran a paper-free class years ago and it seems to be a lot more work for faculty. I felt like I was doing computer work all the time."

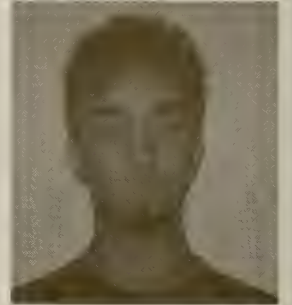
Dave Johnson
Junior, Ski resort management.

"I kinda like it. Saves money."



Megan Gadapee
Freshman, Exercise Science.

"Sucks. There's like you don't have a printer, and you're like I can't print this here, and it's a pain in the ass."



Matt Precipe
Freshman, Mountain Recreation Management.

"Not going to use it."



Luke Sussdorff:
"I bought my own printer, so it's not a big problem to me. If you don't bring your own printer, you are really at a disadvantage."



Seth Dalcott
Freshman, New Media.

"It will be helpful."



Peter Ryan
Freshman, Music Business and Industry.

"I didn't even know about that. I don't see many people using more than that, so why not?"



Tyler Schofield
Sophomore, Television Studies.

"I don't see a problem with it. A thousand pages should be way more than enough for the average student."



Nick Barnets
Senior, Television Studies: "I think it's pretty alright. Who is going to print that many pages for themselves? I have been here for four years and have seen a lot of people waste paper. Maybe this will be incentive to save paper."

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Chenette elected, battles SGA communication issues

Madison Cox
Managing Editor

Student Government Association representatives and students opposing its practices were able to meet face to face, after tension has been building for the past week through Facebook comments.

Before the general business meeting began Wednesday night, secretary to the SGA Chris Shadrock addressed the room about a derogatory comment he made about student Justin Chenette on Facebook earlier in the week.

"I impulsively and in the heat of the moment did not choose the right words and I stupidly got involved in a situation where no matter what my comment was, I had no adequate reason to get involved," he said, "I fully understand why some at this college rightfully doubt whether someone in my position should retain it."

Chenette, despite being present at the meeting to discuss the Facebook debate, later accepted the apology, and was also elected to the executive board cabinet as vice president of communications, winning over fellow nominee Nadine Grimley.

"A lot of people don't think I like Justin. That's not true. I respect the hell out of the kid," Andrew Chapin, representative of the Student Investment Group said after nominating Chenette for the position, "I'd rather have him working with us than against us."

Chenette spoke at the meeting about his criticism that the SGA lacks open communication with students.

"I see a lot of students wanting to participate in the process, but are continually not given that opportunity based on a breakdown of that communication," he said, "There's a lot of work that needs to be done and it's going to be an incremental process."

Chenette said that many people choose not to attend meetings or speak to their



Justin Chenette speaks to SGA

Photo by Eric Wayne

elected representatives out of fear.

"Some individuals like to suppress free speech, and I think that's wrong," he said, "Just because you challenge somebody, just because you challenge a governing body, doesn't mean they're bad people. It means they have an opinion."

He also criticized those who are reluctant to use Facebook as a way of reaching out to the student body.

"This is the 21st century we live in," he said, "Let's have a constant dialogue with students online – that's where they are anyway."

While most representatives agreed with Chenette that there needs to be better communication, some still have concerns about his personal statements toward SGA.

"The SGA is not corrupt," Twilight Players representative Dave Daly said, "and that's definitely one feeling I've been getting from you."

In other business, Dan Haycook and Johanna Trotter were granted \$1000 toward the Student Leadership Conference. The money will go toward food, a keynote speaker, and giveaways

to attendees. Last year's conference cost \$4500, but with about twice as many students expected to attend this year, the price is also increasing. The SGA has already budgeted \$3500 and CAB has said it will match the amount that the SGA gives, giving the Leadership Conference about \$9000 to spend.

"We're expecting twice as many students this year as last year," Haycook said. He added that 40 students from Johnson State College and Westfield State University are expected to join LSC students for the conference.

The Spirit Squad also received funds from SGA, a total of \$480 for new sets of pom-poms.

"A life expectancy of a pom is one year," adviser of the club Donna Keely said.

In addition to Justin Chenette's new position, two other students filled the SGA executive cabinet. Nick Russo is now the vice president of residential, non-traditional, and commuter affairs, and Sean Siciliano is the vice president of the Campus Activities Board. This is the first year the cabinet has ever been filled, according to SGA President John Kleinhans.

Shadrock apologizes, will not resign

Sam Monroe
Critic Editor

The Student Government Association's administrative vice-president was given an option to resign. He will not.

Chris Shadrock said he was asked to resign by the SGA president and vice president this week after making a derogatory statement towards another student on Facebook last week.

Instead of resigning, Shadrock stood up at the beginning of Wednesday's SGA meeting to make a public apology.

"I fully understand why some at this college rightfully doubt whether someone in my position should retain it," Shadrock said.

"In the time since (the comment) through self-reflection and going to church I realized I wouldn't feel comfortable if somebody said that about me," Shadrock said after the meeting, "If I would be offended then more than likely the person I said something about would be offended."

Shadrock said he made his decision to apologize after having a conversation with Kleinhans.

"I had a meeting with John Kleinhans, where it was said that it would be in the best interest of the administration that we part ways," Shadrock said, "There was no pressure to apologize, it was just 'it is best that you resign.'" He also said that he was told members of the administration had thought it was best he resign.

Kleinhans acknowledges



Chris Shadrock delivers apology

Photo by Eric Wayne

that he spoke with his administrative vice president about resignation, but at no time did an administrator express thoughts that he should resign.

"I met with JD (Associate Dean of Student Affairs Jonathan Davis) as my adviser, because he is my adviser and mentor and we discussed the pros and cons of this," Kleinhans said, "I received no direct request for the resignation of Chris Shadrock from Jonathan Davis or anyone else."

Kleinhans discussed the situation at length with Executive Vice President Rachel Keller and the different options they had with the situation. The two talked at length as well as met with the SGA advisers to come up with the best solution. Afterwards Kleinhans discussed the possibilities with Shadrock.

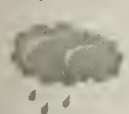
"I had a conversation with him (Shadrock) and talked with him about the different ways I thought were appropriate to go forward from this situation, whether it was a public apology or a resignation," Kleinhans said, "I told him an apology might not be good enough."

According to the president and vice president the decision was left completely up to Shadrock.

"He said an offensive remark that hurt a student at our school, and I left it up to him on how he was going to handle it," said Kleinhans, "I think the way he handled it at the SGA meeting was appropriate."

Weekend Weather Outlook: Jordan Sherman

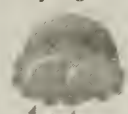
Friday:



HIGH
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WINDS
W 5-10

► Scattered showers throughout and could be heavy at times

Friday night:



LOW
42°-45°
WINDS
LIGHT

► Mostly cloudy skies with an isolated rain shower or two

Saturday:



HIGH
51°-54°
WINDS
NW 5-10

► Mostly cloudy skies

Saturday night:



LOW
36°
WINDS
NW 2

► Partly cloudy skies

Sunday:



HIGH
51°
WINDS
NW 8

► Partly cloudy skies

Moore reflects on LSC's past, looks toward the future

Emilie Lariviere
Entertainment Editor

2011 marks the 100-year anniversary of Lyndon State College, and this year's State of the College Address celebrated the achievements that Lyndon has made over the past century, and discussed plans for improvement in the future.

At the event held on Wednesday, President Carol Moore and other faculty and staff discussed their ideas for planning and preparing for the future. The two main focuses of the address were the accomplishments that Lyndon has made in the past, and the plans that are being made to show the college a brighter future.

"Lyndon is not in a financial crisis. Lyndon is not in any kind of crisis. The college

is stronger than it ever has been," Moore said.

She went on to explain that Lyndon's academic programs are strong, extracurricular activities are at the best they have ever been and Lyndon has newly renovated facilities to bring in new students. She also addressed the request for an investigation, explaining that she and others had received letters of support.

"Lyndon is in a step of the strategic plan and the chancellor respectfully denied the request of investigation. Lyndon is growing as we currently have over 200 faculties and staff and nearly 1,500 students. All institutions will be making difficult decisions and change the way they operate," she said. "I ask us to come together as a team and work towards the students, putting

aside our own personal desires, and strive together for Lyndon."

Mark Hilton, who is currently serving in the admissions department, said that the main focus of admissions has been to get enrollment up. For the fall semester, the college has brought in about 470 students, which is 12 percent behind their annual enrollment goal. The admissions department is working to improve next year's numbers.

Lyndon has been setting small goals to help increase the amount of inquiries, with the incentive of beating Johnson State in the area. One way this is being done is by increasing the amount of travel that counselors are doing.

"We have spiked up the travel. I told counselors as a joke, not to come back till Christmas. We have set a very

high goal of visits and inquiries," Hilton said.

Other strategies that are helping the college increase inquiries are offering more scholarships, sending out more mailers, having coaches actively recruit more prospective students for sports, and by joining social networking sites such as Facebook.

Lyndon is also making changes in an attempt to keep up with the technological times. There is a radio strategy in the works that is half in French and half in English in an attempt to attract a higher rate of Canadian students enrolling. Alumni are also communicating through means of social networking, allowing them to recruit potential students as well.

There are also changes being made with respect to finances. Last spring, there

was a three percent increase in tuition, and it is likely not to increase so drastically next year.

"The only way to get back to the way we were is to have more students, increase our population," said Wayne Hamilton, dean of administration.

Lyndon's working capital has been invested into a CD that has been generating a rate of five percent interest over the past several years. When that expires this winter, it is likely going to be re-invested with an interest rate of less than one percent. Lyndon will not lose or gain any of its own money from this change, but it will result in less income from interest for the college.

TEACH grant unavailable to LSC education students

Benjamin Cookson
News Correspondent

Education students at LSC are missing the opportunity to receive \$16,000 or more in federal grant money because the college is not a member of the TEACH Grant Program.

In 2007, Congress created the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant program. The grant awards \$4000 per year to students taking classes toward a degree in a high-need education field. LSC is not enrolled in the program and does not offer its students the opportunity to apply for the grant. Without the option of applying for the grant, students must find alternative ways to pay for tuition including unsubsidized Stafford loans.

The grantee must sign an agreement to serve four years as a teacher in a high-need field at a low-income school. According to authorities at the Vermont Department of Education, nearly every elementary and high school in Vermont qualifies as a low-income school. The four years of service must be completed within the first eight years following graduation. If the grantee does not fulfill his or her obligation, the grants become unsubsidized Stafford loans. Even though LSC has the ability to enroll in the program, administration has decided not to offer the grant to students.

According to Bradley, the

grant takes a lot of academic counseling and administrative time, plus if the student does not complete the required four years of qualified teaching the money becomes a loan and the interest starts from day one.

"It is kind of like a bait and switch situation," Director of Financial Aid Tanya Bradley said, "It's just plain evil."

Sarah Tucker, a senior in elementary education, disagrees.

"I think that this is a good opportunity for education majors like myself who might have a hard time getting the necessary funding for college," Tucker said, "I think that LSC should give it a try, even if it takes some extra time and work. It will help the students' experience at Lyndon, and isn't that what LSC strives for in all departments?"

A second student, who acknowledges that she has no connection to the program, said it would be a useful recruitment tool for LSC.

"I am appalled that this college disagrees to give their students an opportunity to receive funding for their studies," senior global studies major Brittany Lavery said, "I believe this is completely unfair to take away an opportunity like this."

Only two colleges in Vermont offer students the option to apply for the TEACH Grant. They are Bennington College, and the College of St. Joseph near Rutland.

Board and Chancellor 'dismayed' over faculty investigation request

Sam Monroe
Critic Editor

The Vermont State College Chancellor and Board of Trustees "respectfully decline" the request made by the faculty assembly to investigate President Carol Moore and Dean Donna Dalton.

The decision came this week when Chancellor Tim Donovan and Chair of the Board of the Trustees Gary Moore sent a memorandum to the faculty assembly.

"President Moore and Dean Dalton have our full support and confidence in carrying out the mission of the college," read the letter. "We ask that you and every member of the college community make the commitment to constructively engage in the collaboration that will be necessary for the college to build on its strengths and succeed in uncertain and challenging times."

The response comes two weeks after the faculty assembly voted to request an investigation of President Moore and Dalton for mismanagement of the college. The faculty assembly voted 24-8 in favor of making the request.

The letter states that the board of trustees spent a good deal of time talking about the issue before a conclusion was released.

"It was established that the board wouldn't take sides but would look at all of the facts," said Tim Cappalli, the chair of the VSC student association.

Donovan declined to comment and said all information could be found in the memorandum.

"The Board of Trustees thanked the SGA for getting involved and sharing their voice," said Cappalli.

The Chancellor and Board of Trustees said they were "dismayed" that the faculty assembly had characterized the college as in a 'budgetary crisis.' Cappalli said the board of trustees was adamant in making sure that it was known the college wasn't in a budgetary crisis.

"This characterization is inaccurate and irresponsible," read the memorandum.

The memorandum explained that the Board of Trustees and the Chancellor received the request as well as documentation supporting Moore from the Student Gov-

ernment Association as well as "another group of Lyndon faculty."

The document also states that the Board of Trustees is very aware of the challenges that Lyndon State College faces. It also says that all five of the VSC schools are in a similar situation.

"Each college, including Lyndon, has some significant success and some daunting challenges," said the Chancellor and chair of the board.

The document also called communication "a responsibility shared by everyone." As an example, it pointed to President Moore making the priorities available to the faculty last spring and late in the summer with no response from the faculty assembly.

The memorandum also responded to each one of the faculty priorities. The document explained that the faculty assembly had a chance to give their input when President Moore sent her priorities but did not meet the deadline and she was forced to send the Chancellor the college priorities without the faculty input.

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

9/24

• Sickly students
Poland - medical situation

9/25

• Have you been drinking?
Vail parking lot- drinking and driving

• Watch out for the potholes...and other cars
Stonehenge parking lot- drinking and driving

9/27

• That's not your stuff
Poland- theft
• I was trying to enjoy some nice tater tots
Stevens Dining Hall- 3 slashed tires

9/29

• Drop the bigel and no one gets hurt!
Hornet's Nest- theft

9/30

• I'm gonna need to see some I.D.
Wheelock- alcohol violation
• Fight, fight, fight!
Poland- assault

Corn maze haunts the Northeast Kingdom

Lindsey Profenno
News Correspondent

It's that time of year to enjoy the fall foliage that the Northeast Kingdom is known for.

Each year at the beginning of October, Mike Boudreau, owner of the Great Vermont Maze, puts together a haunted corn maze.

Boudreau has been busy getting ready for "Dead North," which will take place on Oct. 1 and 2, as well as Oct. 8 and 9.

"We literally don't eat, sleep, or breathe for the rest of the week," says Boudreau.

"Dead North" includes a wagon ride and a half-mile walk of terror through a cornfield. It costs \$25 if you buy

tickets in advance, and \$35 if you purchase the day of your visit. They have sold out of tickets for the past nine years. You can order tickets online at vermontcornmaze.com.

If you do not like hauntings, there are plenty of other activities to enjoy, including a barnyard with animals, golf, along with underground tunnels. There is also a two-acre

playing field for laser tag, which has buildings, tunnels, and obstacles.

The famous corn maze is ultimately the main attraction and it has been for 11 years now. It is ranked as the second-best in the country, Boudreau says.

The average time to solve the maze is around one to two hours. Make sure to arrive

early; no entrance is allowed past 3 p.m. Don't worry about getting lost! At 4:30 p.m., they help you out of the maze, and everything closes at 5 p.m. The last day is Oct. 24.

Admission costs \$12, which includes the corn maze and the barnyard.

Aaron Toscano visits LSC

Aimee Lawton
News Editor

Republican Aaron Toscano works full-time as a deputy states attorney, serves in the Marine reserves, and is a parent, but still believes he has the time and commitment to be successful at the Attorney General's office in November.

A graduate of Boston College with a law degree, Toscano said that he is running because he has the experience that it takes.

"Vermont deserves a candidate that has the credentials for the job," he said.

Like many other GOP candidates, Toscano feels that

this is the best year for him to run.

"People aren't 100 percent sure which way to go," he said, "The best thing to do is to present an honest face and an honest heart and see if they pick up on that."

One of the major topics Toscano discussed in his Monday night speech at LSC was the decision of many candidates to not take corporate or union PAC money to help finance their campaigns. This is a decision that he personally has made as well, and thinks it is important that people remain informed on these decisions.

In addition to his law background, Toscano has experience managing large

groups of people. This is a very valuable skill for him to have because one of his tasks as attorney general would be to manage 80 attorneys who would be working for him.

If elected, Toscano says that he plans to be vigilant with waste fraud abuse and fair enforcement of taxes, and will work to ensure public confidence in tax collection. He will also "look out for the state, the people of the state, and the agencies of the state," as well as manage 80 attorneys.

Toscano feels that he will bring a fresh face and an independent set of ideas to the position, helping him reach his goal of rounding out a full boat for the Republican Party.

New admissions office completed

Sam Monroe
Critic Editor

After three years, the new admissions office is finally closing in on being complete.

"It took longer than we had hoped," said Dean of Administration Wayne Hamilton.

According to Hamilton the project was first approved in 2007. The state gave Lyndon about \$139,000 to complete the project in 2007, however it was estimated that the project would cost approximately \$220,000. Since then, the cost of the project rose to about \$250,000.

The money the state gave the school to complete the project was put on hold until the rest of the money was found. After having a surplus in the 2009-2010 budget due to high enrollment, it was decided the extra money would be put towards revamping

admissions.

As the summer came to an end and school began Hamilton said the administration decided it was a priority to switch concentration to completing the renovations in the Harvey Academic Center.

HAC was finished in time for class and the renovations on the admissions office began. The renovations were finished this past week and the admissions staff has begun to move into the office space.

The new space gives all of the counselors a private office where they are able to talk with potential students and parents. The office gives a more open feel to the office and gives the staff extra space to work.

"I think this project is quite an improvement over the old office," Hamilton said, "It is designed to give a better first impression."

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Madison Cox
Managing Editor

Well, it's actually happened.

If you can believe it, LSC students have gotten fired up about something. I'm as stunned as you probably are, considering the typically indifferent atmosphere on this campus. But shockingly, people are coming out of the woodwork in order to voice their opinion.

Last year I explained that every week at SGA, there is time for student body comments, and that every single time, nothing happens. So the voting members of the SGA do what they're supposed to do, and vote on the issues at hand with very little feedback from students.

For the past two semesters, I've attended SGA meetings on a regular basis, and I learned a lot about each of the club representatives. I even listened to all of them during budgeting (which, by the way,

brings out the absolute worst qualities in everyone), and I can honestly say they do not make decisions maliciously to undermine the student body. They want your opinion, whether you show up to meetings or not.

You can say you have too much homework, or that your day starts at 6:30 a.m., and you don't want to go to a meeting after a long day. But you know what? Every single person at those meetings is a full-time student, just like you. They have jobs, participate in extracurricular activities, and do the same assignments you do. So I'm pretty tired of listening to people use their workload as a reason for not attending. You're too busy? Wow. You must be the only people on campus who have work to do.

As for the argument that a lot of students are 'too afraid' to speak up, I have to again respectfully disagree. I saw plenty of people speaking up online in the past

week, so don't tell me it can't happen because you're too afraid of the SGA coming after you. It's pretty easy to hide behind a computer screen when you're speaking your mind, so do it when you have something to say, positive or negative. Did any of the people who are 'afraid' ever think maybe sending an e-mail to a rep would do some good? I mean, come on. There's a reason I'm going into print journalism. I don't like public speaking either, but I would never use that as an excuse to stay uninvolved.

We do have the ability to make changes is we want to. We're all students paying tuition to attend college, so why don't we work together instead of acting like there are sides? This arguing back and forth is too much like middle school for my taste, and I'm sure others agree as well. Go to the meetings, e-mail your reps, and stop acting like you have no way to get your voices heard.

What the funk is going on? GOP convert?

Brian Lacharite
Columnist

Well hello again my loyal followers, malevolent minions, and faithful devotees. We've made it to the end of the month and that is reason to celebrate.

Before you know it, Halloween will be here and we'll have all sorts of reasons to be afraid. Like I mentioned at the end of last week's column, I'd like to take a moment to examine a harrowing experience I had last week. There were no ghouls, goblins, or grem-lins present, but I was forced to encounter foes which I find far more terrifying, REPUBLICANS.

Being a columnist who wears many hats, I volunteered to photograph Tom Salmon's speaking engagement at the school. My lens had been getting dusty lately and I decided I needed some practice. Immediately walking into the room, I felt like something was not quite right. An awkward tension ran up my spine. I soon realized that I was most likely the only Democrat in the room, or at the very least, the most liberal hominid present. For an hour and half I felt like I was behind enemy lines, trying to stick to the job I was sent there to do, and not draw the ire of The College Republicans. However, what occurred that night was something I could have never predicted. As Tom kept speaking, I found myself inexplicably drawn in. He had a

certain charisma and way with words. The ideas he spoke of actually sounded reasonable and well thought out. What the funk was going on? I didn't have to stay the entire evening, for I could have left after the first five minutes. But for some odd reason, I really wanted to hear what he had to say. By the end of it, he even had me asking him questions and engaging in political debate. Yes I found Tom Salmon to be one of those few agreeable Republicans, the kind that show up once in an Autumn Harvest Moon. Now don't get me wrong, it's not like every moment was harmonious. A few of the elephants in the room had to make some snide remarks about Obama, which didn't jive too well with me. Tom himself was pretty critical of the Democratic leadership. It took all my effort to bite my tongue and not chastise each of them for being hypocrites, but like I said, I was there to do a job. By the end of it though, I had a newfound respect for Tom Salmon, and I've even considered tossing him my vote. Only time will tell if his inexplicable power remains over me.

Next week I'll be throwing some food news at you guys. Trust me when I say you'll definitely want to pick up what I'm putting down next Friday. Have a good weekend everyone and bask in whatever sun you can before the days get even shorter.

Be inspired by Herm....

Sam Monroe
Critic Editor

I love it when people speak their mind. I love it when people write letters to the editor and I love when people comment on our web site.

Reader feedback is the only way we know people are picking up our paper. I want reader feedback. I love it when someone responds with his or her opinion on the matter. It means we are doing our job as a newspaper and getting you to read the news. I love a good spirited debate in the paper over an important issue. It means people are reading what we report. It means people care about what we report and they care about the things that are happening on this campus and the surrounding community. I love pretty much everything about letters to the editor.

However, there is one thing about letters to the editor that I despise. Everyone wants to remain anonymous. Why? If you have something to say you should put your name on it, own up to your opinion. I don't always agree with the views that run on the opinions pages of The Critic, I always respect the author. They had the courage to put their name on their opinion and take the heat for whatever they may have said.

As Herm Edwards once

screamed, "Put your name on it, be a man or a woman and put your name on it."

It is the same reason I don't like using anonymous quotes in a news story. If you don't know who said what is being attributed then how are you going to believe what is said.

I was asked recently at a meeting I covered if I was going to attach names to quotes. I answered "Of Course I am." It was a public meeting and anything said is public knowledge.

The biggest excuse? "I can get in trouble for my opinion." Really? What kind of country are we living in when you can get in trouble for your opinion?

Maybe you should think about it. If you can get in trouble for your opinion then maybe you should start thinking about changing your opinion. Yes there are some things you can't say in public, and something's that people will look down upon you for saying.

I have a news flash for you "I can get in trouble," people. Did it ever occur to you that everything that one of my reporters says can get them in trouble? What if someone doesn't agree with what they reported? What if I quote one of my professors and they didn't want to be quoted, do you think that helps me in the classroom?

No, but I don't care. Because I am a journalist as are all of the reporters who work with me at The Critic. We have a job to do by reporting the news, it is not our opinion it is the facts. And it needs to get out; we still put our names on it, even though it could get us in trouble.

Own up to what you say, people will respect you a lot more if you stand up and fight for your opinion. Besides why have free speech if no one wants to be attached to their statements?

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The man of fluff

Dear Editor,

For the past couple of weeks I have witnessed an uprise of tension between students on campus. Of course, as anyone would have guessed, this is the tension caused by the longstanding battle between Justin Chenette and the SGA.

As a student not having any connection to either side of the war, I am quite annoyed with the immaturity and lack of professionalism coming from Justin Chenette and his few supporters. Most obvious is their inability to say anything more than a simple complaint and their complete lack of substance within those arguments.

Rather than substance, I have witnessed no actual ideas put forth for this bogus "SGA reform." In place of actual ideas we have Justin Chenette covering his mouth with a slab of duct tape on his Facebook profile, stating that the SGA is against his rights to speak.

Firstly, this is wrong. The SGA is not, and never has in my three years here, ever prevented a student from coming forth with their ideas and to speak their mind. They have always been open to any comments from any student, regardless of whether or not it is criticism towards them.

Secondly, and just recently, I came across a Justin Chenette supporter on Facebook. This supporter told me to specifically stop complaining. Hypocrisy at its finest. In response, I did what every-

one else would do. No, I did not cover my mouth with duct tape saying that my rights were being infringed. I took the higher route by asking questions that Chenette and his lackeys have yet to answer.

The first and most important question I asked was fairly simple. How does Justin Chenette, a so-called advocate for students and their rights, actually know that all of the complaints he puts forth are actually what the majority of students want? Has he actually talked to the student body to see what we want? Or is this just an annoyance of his that he selfishly claims is a gigantic problem, when quite possibly, the student body might not care? For someone who is a supposed man of the people, he really does not seem to care what we think.

The second question asked was specifically asking for ideas he, or his followers, has about this "SGA reform" he calls for. All anyone has heard from his camp are complaints and no ideas; just an abundance of fluff glued together by Facebook. Of course, despite asking for these ideas, I ended up getting nothing more than simple cop-outs from his supporters and absolutely no response from Chenette himself.

No answers to two undeniably important questions. Justin Chenette states he is out there for the students, sticking up for us when HE sees fit. Rather than caring

how we actually feel or doing anything BUT complain, Mr. Chenette has brought nothing but tension and annoyance to the campus. As an unbiased student who is not part of the Chenette camp or the SGA camp, I can easily say he is not a man of the people and he does not represent me.

Justin Chenette is, in fact, a man of fluff. Poorly argued, purely political fluff created to get hits on his websites. If he truly cared about what the students wanted, he would have asked the students first, and then he would have sat down personally with the SGA and worked this out professionally. He would have talked with words, ideas and his heart. Not with mindless babbling on Facebook, and certainly not with a slab of duct tape.

So, Justin Chenette, I am here to tell you that you do not represent the students, and as far as I am concerned, until the SGA does something that ACTUALLY harms the well-being of students, they will ALWAYS represent the students of Lyndon State College. If the majority of the students truly wanted SGA reform, it would have happened by now. Unless you can prove otherwise, please do us all a favor and move on. Stop causing more problems on campus than the SGA ever has.

Matt Rickert
English, Class of 2012



Illustration by Adam Whittier

Get involved

Dear Editor,

Recently I have been very concerned with the attitude from the student body here on campus. I have read time and time again about people not knowing what is going on in SGA and a lot of complaining about how things should change within SGA and how students should be more well informed. Now I totally agree there should be some changes made but you don't see me writing and complaining to The Critic or on my Facebook page. What you do see me doing is being A PART of the change by submitting a petition to be an elected rep, and by seeing me participate and be active in numerous clubs on campus as well as a Student Ambassador. Sure complaining is a nice venting relief, but in the end it doesn't get you anywhere. If all these people that want to see change truly feel that way, then why didn't more people put in petitions? Why aren't more people getting involved? I'm sorry but if all you enjoying doing is putting down our SGA and its representatives, and just sitting back and not doing anything, then you need to stop your complaining and actually do something. You want to know what goes on, then GET INVOLVED! Join a club, come to an SGA meeting, be a representative, and just be an active community member. Sitting in your residence halls on Facebook or reading The Critic doesn't make you an active part in any change that may happen on campus.

Gandhi said, "You must be the change you wish to see in the world." I'm being the change I wish to see, I recommend people start doing the same.

Sincerely,
Katee Ingram
Third Year Elected Representative

Support your SGA

Dear Editor,

Over the course of the last two years, I have been a student here at Lyndon State College. During my freshman year, I began to get involved in the Campus Activities Board and have sat on the Student Government Association for the last year. I believe that the SGA is the voice of the student body and I invite you to attend the meetings.

President John Kleinbans and the entire executive board are here for the students and if you have any questions or concerns, I assure you that they will be there for you! They have been there for me as a Peer Leader and all other activities I am involved in here on campus.

Sean Siciliano
Peer Leader
CAB Vice President
Sophomore,
Television Studies

Keep it up, SGA

Dear Editor,

I've been reading the Critic for the last four years. Over the course of this time, I tend to see many articles about the SGA and I have seen a lot of activity recently on Facebook about our SGA President, John Kleinbans. Some people have said that he is not a strong and effective leader. This is untrue, over my years here at LSC I have seen the Student Government Association trans-

form dramatically in the right direction because of strong leaders like John and Andrew Chapin. All I'm going to say is that I disagree because I know that he is working for me and the best interests of students of Lyndon State College every day. Good luck John and keep up the good work!

Thanks,
Evan Coughlin
Senior, Electronic Journalism

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Mixed movie review: The Town

Ethan Mitchell
News Correspondent

It is a great feat for an actor to direct a film, and it is better when the film is good. Ben Affleck, writer and director of *The Town*, has shown the world that acting is not his only talent. There is always a risk that an actor takes when directing a film, but in this instance the risk was worth the results. *The Town* delivers with a vast talented cast, authentic scenes shot in Boston, and enough plot to go around for everyone.

The plot is really where this film takes off. Previews do this particular piece no justice; it is not an average action romance. Affleck does a great job intertwining several plots to create a complex masterpiece.

The movie is as from a romance as it could possibly get, don't be fooled, this is a thriller with a great story, even though the "leaving this life behind" concept is a bit cliché. It is a typical scenario where the criminal wants to turn his life around, yet at the same time, it's much more than that. You get deep into the lives of the characters and it makes the film that much more rich, two thumbs up for Affleck.

The cast in this film is not necessarily an all-star line up, but phenomenal nonetheless. Persuasion is the key to attaining the best results the cast needs to convey the authenticity and emotion of the storyline.

Doug, who wants to make more out of his life, seems to be held back by his sadistic best friend Jim. Jim is the perfect character, almost like Doug's kryptonite. The two are polar opposites and we can see their personalities clash

often during the film. The relationship built between the two characters in such a short time is incredible. Jim is dedicated to his work and is willing to go to any lengths to finish the job, even if it violates the codes of his ring leader and best friend. Renner plays the role as if he were made for it.

Affleck, on the other hand, lacks strong acting in his own film. Doug's character development is right on, but his lines just don't seem to jump off the paper. Claire, the distressed bank clerk, is a win in my book. Hall sells the romance between Affleck's character and the drama she brings to the screen is genuine.

One element that makes this movie what it is is the location. Filmed on site in Boston, *The Town* incorporates legitimate scenarios. Each shot is filmed perfectly; being shot in the actual setting makes the movie even more believable. Affleck could not have chosen better shots, it's evident that his directing skills compliment his acting skills. It may not be the first thing the audience notices, but the angle of the shots can make a world of difference in determining the quality of the movie.

Affleck is a force to be reckoned with and *The Town* is a good example of a top-notch film, for an actor anyway. It is all there, plot, acting, and directing. Affleck seems to miraculously blend the right amount of action, romance, and drama to create a movie that is overall a great piece of filmmaking. It surpassed the standards of an actor directed movie and could quite possibly be one of the best films of this year. I strongly suggest spending some money on this one; if you haven't already, go see *The Town*.

Movie review: Cairo Time

Tyler Kittleman
Special To The Critic

Cairo Time is a film that involves a woman named Juliette Grant (Patricia Clarkson) who's in Cairo on her own while waiting for her husband. She meets up with one of her husband's friends, a retired cop, Tareq Khalifa (Alexander Siddig). She is met by Khalifa at the airport who explains that her husband is held up at work, at the United Nations.

While waiting for her husband, Khalifa shows her around the Cairo and introduces her to many customs that she is not quite familiar with. After a while they start to develop an unexpected forbidden romance for one another. I personally thought that this was a unique and terrific film; especially for the fact that it was filmed on site in only 25 days.

One of the reasons why I thought it was so great was it has one of my favorite actors Alexander Siddig who played Dr. Julian Bashir in Star Trek: Deep Space Nine. The only thing I could suggest is if you're not one for a slow pace film without any good concrete closure and expect to understand it the first time you watch then this is not the film for you.

I feel this film deserves three out of five stars because it's a good film but you must study it in my opinion, to understand the deeper meaning of it.

Know what drives me crazy?

Ryan Longe
Critic Staff

Mondays, I hope you all can agree to this. Whether you have a great weekend filled with fun and friends or a weekend that is quiet and relaxing. Whatever the weekend brings, Monday always seems to, well to be quite honest, Monday seems to shatter all the good things about the weekend prior. Some people look forward to a Monday, the start of a new week, and the start of something fresh. I give props to these people that enjoy Monday's; I applaud you for having such an uplifting look on

this day.

So how might one overcome a Monday? Well it would be best to just avoid it, but we don't have that leisure now do we? No, we don't, so what do I do? Well I usually make it through the day of classes and then when it comes to dinner time, go out. No cooking, no cleaning, no running to the store for a last minute ingredient. My word of advice, if Monday gets you down from a great weekend that is now past, go out, and get dinner somewhere. It may be deep fried or healthy, whatever you're fancy, but go out and uplift this bummer of a day!

Forgotten Album Review

Justin Golschneider
Critic Staff

Album: Gravity
Artist: The Broken Keys
Year: 2006
Suggested by: Joshua Cook

Welcome to the Forgotten Album Review, where we take the music the world missed out on and bring it to the light! Each week I'll be reviewing an album by a little-known band, as suggested by Critic readers. The music can be from any genre, year, or country, just as long as you, dear reader, believe it to be the Muse's gift to humanity.

This week's album is 'Gravity' by The Broken Keys, suggested by Joshua Cook. Successfully combining a wide range of musical styles including funk, jazz, hip-hop and rock, The Broken Keys have created something well worth giving a listen.

Music: Most of the tracks on 'Gravity' are instrumentals, and feature prominent brass, percussion, synthesizer, and effects-laden bass and guitar. However, the drumming really steals the spotlight. Fast, complex, and catchy, it provides most of the energy, and the album is worth hearing for its sake alone.

Fans of funk, jazz and older hip-hop will enjoy the danceable bass grooves, brilliant percussion and vintage sound. If you're a 60's and 70's purist, you'll definitely want to check this out. You may even see some hope for modern music.

Lyrics and vocals: Only three tracks on this album

feature singing. The lyrics are poetic and a little abstract, sometimes to the point of being difficult to understand. They cover exactly two subjects: Unhappy love and the devil coming to steal the singer's soul. Despite the common subjects, they manage to remain original, avoiding the use of clichés.

The vocals range in style from crooning soul in *Red-light* to a sharp, syllabic style somewhere between funk, rap and southern rock in *Razorblade*. The singer's voice has a light whiskey-and-cigarettes roughness, which might be grating for some.

Originality: The fusion of modern percussion, effects, and mixing techniques with old-school sounds and vocals produces a unique album that seems to span decades. With both music and lyrics, 'Gravity' manages to feel familiar and new at the same time.

Variety: 'Gravity' ranges from soft and slow to quick and aggressive, and the wide range of instruments gives most of the tracks a noticeably different feel from the rest. Forays into jazz, rock, and atmospheric will leave few listeners complaining that all their songs sound the same.

Final Word: All in all, a very successful production that never left me bored. Thumbs up!

You can listen to Gravity at www.tru-thoughts.co.uk, or buy the album at www.etchshop.co.uk. To suggest an album for next issue's Forgotten Album Review, send an email to justin.golschneider@lsc.vsc.edu.

Dance Team: Stepping up the beat

Candice Kopec
Critic Staff

The LSC Dance Team is fired up and ready to go this year.

"The group of girls that we have right now are awesome, and we have a blast together," Kelsey Jones said.

Jones is now approaching her second year on the LSC Dance Team. They will be dancing for basketball games again, as well as some volleyball games. Currently, they are working on some new dances and also bringing back some of the old dance routines.

Jones explains that the team is going to be a lot larger than last year's team; they have 13 solid dancers and

hope to have a few more.

Jones realizes that it is still the beginning of the season, although she really hopes more girls are interested in joining.

"We are currently putting up fliers and trying to get more interest in the team," Jones said, "the more dancers, the better the team."

You don't have to be an amazing dancer to join. Having a love for dance, some experience, and simply enjoying your time dancing is enough. "We would love to have them," Jones said.

As of right now, Jones says her team is well balanced as far as experience goes.

"We are all working together to learn new dances

and teach new dancers the choreography; we all understand that everyone learns differently, at their own pace," she said.

Coach Donna Keely chose a wide variety of different music this year, instead of mostly hip-hop like years past.

"The girls and I are extremely excited for this change," Jones said.

The girls are ready to dance, this school year and hope to attend competitions if there are enough girls to do so.

See the Dance Team in action at the basketball and volleyball games.

What's up at Lyndon?

Grown Ups
Sunday, October 3 at 3 p.m. in ASAC 100

The Kids Are All Right
Tuesday, October 5 at 9 p.m. in ATT
and Sunday, October 10 at 3 p.m. in ASAC 100

CAB Presents:
License Plates
Tuesday October 5
Student Center
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Come make your own license plates for free!!!

GREEN VS. GOLD

Intramurals and the Department of Exercise Science invite you to participate in Green vs. Gold. Green vs. Gold is an eight week long, campus wide, physical activity campaign/competition open to all students, faculty, and staff. Participants will be divided into 2 teams (Green team and Gold team) and are encouraged to be more physically active in an effort to earn points for their team. 20 minutes of physical activity earns you one point so one hour earns you three points! Points are emailed to Sarah on Fridays of every week starting on Friday October 8.

If you have any questions or would like to sign up please email me at sarah.leclerc@lyndonstate.edu

Jean Charles is offering Fall recitals.
October 6 @ 12:30 p.m. in the Vail Student Activities Lounge
Come listen or stop in while Jean Charles plays the guitar.

Climbing Wall open 6-10 p.m. Monday through Sunday!
Ladies Night at the Rock Wall
Ladies night is every Wednesday night 6-10 p.m.!

CAB Presents: SHWA
Saturday October 9 @ 9 p.m. in ATT
Shwa Losben writes catchy, yet sophisticated rock songs.

Eating with Em: Squash coffee cake

Emilie Lariviere
Entertainment Editor

What's cooking in the kitchen?

Squash Coffee Cake

Prep List:

Cake:
2 Eggs
1 Cup Sugar
1 Cup Grated Butternut Squash
1 Cup Milk
2 Cups flour
1 Tsp Baking Powder
1 Tsp Allspice
1 Tsp Cinnamon
½ Tsp Cloves
½ Tsp Ginger

Icing:

1 Tsp Lemon Juice
1 Tsp Vanilla Extract
2 Cups Confectionary Sugar
About 1/8 Cup of Milk

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350.
Mix together eggs and sugar in a small bowl. Then add the grated squash. Add milk, stir and then add all the dry ingredients together and mix just until incorporated.
Spread into a well-greased 9x9 pan. Bake for 30 minutes

or until the edges of the cake are coming in and the middle comes out clean when you insert a toothpick. In a separate bowl, mix together the confectionary sugar, lemon juice and vanilla extract, slowly adding the milk until moistened. Cool and then spread icing on top.

Chef's Corner

Everyone has one favorite thing they love about fall. Mine personally used to be apple cider and molasses crinkles cookies, but now I think it's changed to apple butter. My brother-in-law has introduced me to this seasonal treat when he first made it last year for me. This year he introduced me to butternut squash bread which tastes like pumpkin bread. I never would have known it was made with squash if he didn't tell me. Squash is a great vegetable to use, especially during the fall, as it's in season. I then got creative in the kitchen and came up with a

coffee cake recipe. This bread is comforting for those cold days and goes great with soups, or with a nice hot cup of coffee or tea.

Nutritional Aspect

The recommended diet consists of 20% vegetables, so this recipe is a way to get a small dose of your nutritional needs without even realizing it. Butternut squash is high in fiber, Vitamins A, C, and B6 along with calcium, magnesium, folate and potassium. This particular squash is very good for you and I think many steer away from eating it because they are unsure what to do with it. Go to the store, buy a butternut squash, go to a kitchen and just get creative. You can bake it, cook it, and mash it. Let this be a challenge to you if you wish, and submit your most creative recipe to me at: emily.lariviere@lyndonstate.edu Some of them will be featured on the Critic website!



What's going on in the 'Ville?

Friday
Lyndonville Farmers Market 3-7 p.m.

Catamount Movies:

Showtimes
Nightly: 7 p.m.
Saturday: 7 p.m. & 9 p.m.
Matinees: Sunday afternoon at 1:30 p.m.,
Wednesday afternoon at 4 p.m.

Currently Showing:

Get Low and Multiple Sarcasms

Saturday

St. Johnsbury Farmers Market 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

October 7, 2010
Death with Rough Francis
at Higher Ground Ballroom in South Burlington
Doors open at 7:30 p.m.
show starts at 8 p.m.
\$25 Advance \$30 Day of show
Contact for more information:
Phone #802-652-0777

October 15, 2010
Ground Zero Concert
In Suncook, NH
Doors open at 8 p.m.
\$10 at the door

October 16, 2010
Run Forrest Run Merch Benefit Show
multiple bands will be playing
253 Wilson St.
Manchester, NH
5-11 p.m. / \$13 at the door.

Cabot Creamy
Sample some cheese and get a tour of the factory in Cabot, VT

Ben and Jerry's
located in Waterbury, VT where you can see how they make their ice cream

PINK

Whitney Cota

Special to the Critic

Exercising and eating well is important for your body, and it can support something bigger than your biceps. October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, and there are events where you can raise awareness by being physically active. On Sunday October 17, the Star 92.9 radio station is holding a 5-mile breast cancer awareness walk. Today is "Pink Friday", and as a college community we can support the phenomenon by being active and wearing pink clothing. Get involved in the Green vs. Gold competition and earn points for the amount of physical activity you do each week. This competition is a great incentive to be active and to earn points for your team (E-mail sarahleclerc@lyndonstate.edu to join). Let's face it: most students don't have the funds for donating money to breast cancer research yet. However, we do have the capability of showing our support of those who have survived, those who suffer, and those who have been lost from breast cancer. This month be motivated, get yourself outside and enjoy the fall foliage, appreciate and celebrate your ability to be active and healthy. : Sunday, October 17, 2010, in

If you would like to participate or want more information visit star92.9.com and click the "Making Strides for Breast Cancer" icon.

Crazy Horoscopes

Aquarius

January 20 - February 18
The washing machine will "eat" a surprising amount of your socks. Be prepared—consider buying more before you're caught sock-less.

Pisces

February 19 - March 20
Secrets, secrets are no fun—secrets are for everyone!

Aries

March 21 - April 19
Every song on the radio this week will be unbelievably applicable to your personal life. When driving on the highway, stick to the slow lane and don't be afraid to pull over to cry so you don't endanger the lives of others.

Taurus

April 20 - May 20
All of your fast food orders will come out wrong this week. Don't even bother.

Gemini

May 21 - June 20
The baby is yours.

Cancer

June 21 - July 22
The work you've been putting in training your hamster for the pet karaoke championships will pay off this week when your latest training session hits the top ten on YouTube.

Leo

July 23 - August 22
The apple doesn't fall far from the tree—except when

it's hurricane season. See?

There is your chance to change!

Virgo

August 23 - September 22
Your mother is proud of you.

Libra

September 23 - October 22
When you come to a fork in the road, it doesn't matter which direction you go. Just make sure you take the first step with your left leg.

Scorpio

October 23 - November 21
Famous Scorpio Bill Gates just bought out this zodiac sign. Go pick a new one and expect a check for \$12.

Sagittarius

November 22 - December 21
A very significant text message will be completely misunderstood by the recipient. Be prepared to do some big-time damage control.

Capricorn

December 22 - January 19
Don't even try to land that parking spot in the front row—it just isn't in the stars for you this week.



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Close losses not deterring women's soccer

Nick Russo
Sports Editor

For the women's soccer team, the fact that they lost their first two conference games 2-1 does not do justice to how much progress the team has actually made.

As the North Atlantic Conference games kicked off last weekend, the lady hornets had hopes of staying injury-free and being competitive against two of the toughest NAC opponents. They were competitive but lost; a few players suffered injuries, but none of the afflic-

tions were major.

On Saturday, the women played a close game against Husson University, arguably the best team in the conference. After a 1-1 tie at the end of regulation, Husson went on to win 2-1 off a corner kick in the second overtime.

In regards to the loss against Husson, Coach Wendy Elles said, "It was nice, I thought we just battled hard, we played with a lot of fight and a lot of heart, we kept to our game plan, we just got unlucky in the overtime."

Lyndon is already facing the same injury concerns that

plagued the team during conference games last year.

"We're pretty beat up, we had a couple kids that didn't play this weekend, that hurt us. Nomer (Naomi White) got hurt yesterday... (Anthony) Sgherza said that it's probably just a bone bruise," said Elles.

Junior midfielder Jesi Amsden was also pleased by the team's performance over the weekend. "Our team did pretty good, both of them were hard losses and our team was upset, but we worked hard and no one thought we were going to be that good against Husson."

In the game vs. Maine Maritime on Sunday, the team played somewhat flat in the first half and gave up a goal, giving MMA a 1-0 lead at the half. Lyndon picked up the pace in the second half and scored a goal to tie it 1-1 in the game's waning minutes. However with 43 seconds remaining, MMA scored off a corner kick, beating Lyndon in the same fashion as the previous day.

Coach Elles remains focused on fixing gaps in the team's play.

"My biggest concern was giving up goals yesterday

against a corner kick and today off a corner kick in the last few minutes," she said. "It was frustrating, but it's all about being out there for a full 90 minutes, because anything can happen, just like when we scored a goal at the end of today's game."

Looking ahead to this weekend's contest at Castleton State, coach Elles is optimistic her team will succeed. "We'll have to rally together, the Castleton game is going to be like the Husson game, they beat us pretty handily last year," she said.



Roller derby came to the Fenton Chester Arena last Friday courtesy of CAB.

Photo by Sam Monroe

NAC awards

Three student-athletes were honored for their performances last week.

Joshua Grant of the men's cross country team was named the NAC Runner of the Week by pacing the Hornets to the team title at the Southern Vermont College Invitational.

Grant took the individual title in a time of 30:30 over the 5.1 mile course.

Jason Gray the goalkeeper for men's soccer, collected three victories in the week - two via the shutout route - as the Hornets upped their overall record to 7-1-1 and 2-0 in the North Atlantic Conference. His efforts earned him NAC Player of the Week honors.

Gray made three saves in a 7-2 win over the College of St. Joseph (Vt.) before putting together back-to-back 1-0 shutouts in conference victories vs

Husson and Maine Maritime.

Rounding out the list of honorees is Kayla Flynn of women's tennis, who grabbed NAC Rookie of the Week honors for a third consecutive week.

A freshman, Flynn surged to 5-1 in both singles and doubles play with a pair of victories against Johnson and Becker. In a match with the Badgers, Flynn defeated Kim Blakeman 6-0, 6-1 before teaming with Maria Parr to record an 8-2 win over Rebecca Quarantiello and Katelyn Breault in second doubles.

Flynn moved up to No. 2 singles and recorded a hard-fought 7-6, 5-7, 6-4 victory over the Hawks' Laura Mimms. She and Parr closed out the day with an 8-6 win in second doubles over Mimms and Megan Nessen.

Home Athletic Events

Men's Soccer: Oct. 6, Norwich, 3:30 p.m.

Volleyball: Oct. 2, Johnson, 2 p.m.; Maine-Farmington, 4 p.m.

Women's Tennis: Oct. 2, Thomas, 2 p.m.; Oct. 3, Castleton, 1 p.m.; Oct. 6, Plymouth, 3:30 p.m.

Volleyball working to win

Michael Howard
News Correspondent

Led by captains Ally Ciaramitaro, Maegan Fried and Christine Bailey, the women's volleyball team is looking to improve from their under .500 record last season.

"They're a young team, they'll need to be aggressive but with their experience every match their confidence will grow and so will their game," said head coach Sean Fisher.

The volleyball team currently holds a record of 2-8. Although Ellen Sheehy and Grace Young are two big impact players out due to injuries, freshmen Ashley Bolmer and Kate Murray add depth to the team.

Last year the women's volleyball team lost three key starters, which amounts to

half the number of people on the court at one time.

At the SJC Autumn Invitational Tournament in Maine last weekend they lost all four of their matches but there was a positive outlook nevertheless. "There were a lot of really good teams there. I think it was an eye opening experience for us to see teams that good, but it also taught us some things to learn and work on," Fisher said.

He puts a lot of miles on his car each week going back and forth every night from work an hour and twenty minutes away to practices in the gym. He's excited about coaching this year and seeing his players improve. "Team dynamics are going well, everyone gets along and nobody is left behind, it's one of the best teams I've had as a whole," he said.

Depth and speed look to carry Hornets

Patrick Hilton
News Correspondent

The Lyndon State men's baseball team is looking to improve upon last season's 11-25 record and advance further into the NAC tournament in the spring.

Last season, the Hornets finished with three wins and 13 losses in conference play. Although last year may have seemed like a struggle at times, head coach Ryan Farley thought the team played well.

"I thought our starting pitching was good; our starters gave us five to six innings consistently," he said, "Our hitting seemed to have some good days and bad days, but I thought that in the conference we played all-around good baseball."

This upcoming season

should have some major improvements in many areas for the Hornets.

Farley said the team is looking great this fall, as the team is allowed to practice and play in one day of official NCAA competition. The team is faster this year, and has a lot more depth.

"We have two or three people at each position, which makes everyone compete for playing time," Farley said, "Competition makes everybody better."

The fall season has been going well for the Hornets, as everyone has showed a tremendous amount of effort and dedication to the program, according to Farley. This past Sunday, the team played in its one allowed day of competition at Vermont Technical College, where they

played two games. The Hornets won both games, beating Norwich University 18-1 and VTC 5-1.

The team lost one player last season, as their captain, Ben Clark, had used all four years of his eligibility. This loss was a great one, Farley said, as they had lost their number 3 hitter and team leader. But Coach Farley sees this as a bigger opportunity than loss for his team, as he looks for younger players to fill the shoes of their former captain.

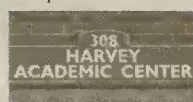
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Tempers run high at SGA

Madison Cox
Managing Editor

After being rejected for nearly \$500 as well as a name and constitution change, High Society representative Dave Johnson stormed out of this week's Student Government Association meeting minutes before it was over.

The High Society, which is now being lead by an all-new executive board, sparked some hostile responses when it asked for \$496 toward finishing ski and snowboard boxes. The club, which has received funds in past years for ski and snowboard boxes, has yet to complete the existing project. This fact did not sit well with many SGA members.

"From as far back as I can remember, you've been asking for the boxes and they haven't been built and every time I get my hopes up," Twilight Players representative Dave Daly said. "Every time we give High Society money nothing gets done, so I'm going to motion to move on."

"I'm just afraid it'll go into what happened last year," SGA President John Kleinhans said. "I guess I'm just asking for a promise."

"Stuff didn't get done in the past. That's not the case this year," Johnson said. "I just want to let you guys know that this club is not going to fall apart."

Despite High Society President Samuel Pierog and representative Johnson's appeals that they are working hard to erase damage done by previous executive boards, third-year elected representative Katee Ingram motioned that the issue be tabled until the club could prove fundraising efforts was

passed.

Later in the meeting during other business, second-year elected representative Brett Rubinate motioned to give the club the full amount it was requesting. This idea was quickly shot down by Andrew Chapin, representative of the Student Investment Group.

"You can't discuss financial matters in other business," he said, "as per the constitution."

Johnson motioned for a name and constitution change for the club, despite the request not being on the meeting's agenda. However, due to the fact that it was not on the agenda, Chapin suggested moving on. He cited the fact that no one had a chance to review the new constitution and said he would feel better if it was submitted properly.

A visibly angered Johnson then left the room before the meeting officially came to a close.

After the meeting, Kleinhans said that business during SGA meetings is not personal.

"I was disheartened that a member of the SGA decided to slam his laptop and leave the SGA meeting early," he said. "My goal is to work with all clubs to get the funding that they may seek, but sometimes history plays a factor."

Vice president of SGA Rachel Keller and Lisa Colangelo also requested money Wednesday evening, a total of \$5,000 toward a service trip to Guatemala in February. 13 Lyndon students will travel to Guatemala to assist the school that students have traveled to for the past two years. The \$5,000 was meant to go toward supplies and expenses, as well as a



The High Society's request is rejected

Photo by Eric Wayne

donation to the school, which has been given in the past.

"I like the idea of donating toward causes," Justin Chenette, vice president of communications said. However, he added that he does not believe the student activity fees that make up the general fund of the SGA should be used for donations that do not contribute to life at Lyndon.

A motion to give the service trip \$2,500 passed, despite the fact that in the past two years, the SGA has granted \$5,000 each time.

Bruce Berryman, director of assessment and atmospheric science professor, addressed the SGA with information about the upcoming accreditation

process on campus, which will begin next week. The evaluation, performed by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), is done every ten years to verify that a college is running smoothly and appropriately to meet the needs of students.

Berryman explained that it is very important to be accredited because colleges that are not lose federal financial aid funding.

"They're looking at the big picture - is the college running as a legitimate college should run?" he said.

In other SGA news, Club Action! Students for Global Change formally changed its name to Students for Social Justice. The Campus

Activities Board is planning a Humans vs. Zombies game made popular on many college campuses at the end of Oct., and encourages everyone to participate. Also, Dan Haycock, president of CAB, reminds everyone to about the annual Leadership Conference, which will be held on Oct. 30.

The fourth-year elected representatives gained another member when Nora Barney joined the SGA. Lisa Colangelo, Mike Hennessey, and Margaret St. George also filled the commuter elected rep seats.

Kleinhans was very happy that the seats were filled. He said it was the first time in a while that all three-commuter seats have been filled.

Weekend Weather Outlook: Jordan Sherman

Friday:



HIGH
45°-48°
WINDS
N 15-20

► Widespread rainfall all day.
Rainfall totals of 1 - 2.5".

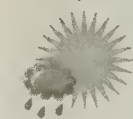
Friday night:



LOW
35°-38°
WINDS
N 15-20

► Scattered rain. Elevations 2000' +
wet snow could mix with rain.

Saturday:



HIGH
40°-44°
WINDS
NW 5-10

► Mostly cloudy skies with threat for
isolated showers in the morning.

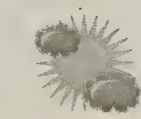
Saturday night:



LOW
43°
WINDS
E 14

► Scattered rain possible throughout
the night.

Sunday:



HIGH
50°
WINDS
WNW 21

► Partly cloudy skies.

Professors praise HAC renovations

Erin Milne
Critic Staff

The Harvey Academic Center's new look is drawing positive comments from many LSC professors—even those who are new on the campus.

"I don't know what it was like before, but it seems comfortable," said new theater instructor Gianna Fregosi.

More seasoned professors agree.

"My office looks fantastic, and the building looks great," said Joe Gittleman, an instructor in the Music Business and Industry Department.

Jonathan Norling, a professor in the Mountain Recreation Department, commented that he felt the new design would make a good impression on prospective students.

Making the Harvey Academic Center more comfortable for both students and faculty was one of the goals of the renovation, said Dean of Administration Wayne Hamilton.

The renovation included upgrades of the plumbing, electrical, and ventilation systems, Hamilton said. The building also received a new roof and new flooring, and classroom layout was changed to create a more open feel.

Hamilton said that energy efficiency was also a reason for the renovation.

"Energy conservation was a huge issue," Hamilton said, noting that a lot of energy was previously being wasted in HAC. Hamilton said engineers have estimated that the college will save 50 to 60 percent on its energy costs for the building.

While most of the renovations were completed before the start of the semester, a few small upgrades remain to be made. Norling said that he is currently working with Information Technology to have permanent projectors installed in the HAC classrooms, since the professors are currently using portable projectors.

The renovations, which have been in planning for about ten years, cost LSC a little over \$2 million, Hamilton said. Approximately \$1 million of the cost came from a \$13 million loan from the Vermont State Colleges, while another \$400,000 came from the Carhartt gift. The remainder of the cost was funded with money that was left over or deferred from other projects, Hamilton said.

HAC was built in 1965 and originally served as the college's library before the Samuel Read Hall Library and Academic Center was built, Hamilton said. The building was converted to classrooms in the 1980s, and new windows were installed in 2009.

Hamilton said that a building identical to HAC is present on the Johnson State College campus. He added that JSC's building was renovated a few years ago and currently houses their student services offices.



Inside the newly renovated HAC

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Professor mistaken for freshman

Joseph Peters
News Correspondent

Exercise science students may be confusing their new professor with a college freshman, but Kate Bouley is used to it by now.

"I came in to get my ID," said Bouley, the latest addition to the exercise science department, "and I went to the ID office and they thought I was a freshman. I went to my first classes and they thought I was a student."

At 27, she is younger than a few of the students at LSC, but her credentials speak for themselves. She received her doctorate in exercise science from Springfield College earlier this year to go along with a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Massachusetts.

Bouley cites her passion for exercise as the main reason for pursuing a career in exercise science. She originally planned to play soccer at Merrimack College, but a dislocated right big toe during her senior year of high

school prematurely ended her soccer career.

"It sounds so stupid," said Bouley. "It was kicked straight-on... what ended up happening is that the forward impact actually flipped the bone over. It actually tore all the ligaments and tendons in my foot."

She still played club and intramural soccer while at UMass, and continued to run and cycle for fun. She said the injury hasn't affected her ability to run comfortably.

Her attraction to Lyndon came as a result of meetings with faculty and students.

"Everyone that's here loves it here," said Bouley, "so how could I not love it here, too?"

When it comes to being mistaken for a student, Bouley sees it as an opportunity.

"Honestly, I actually kind of embrace it," she said. "It's nice. I like to be able to connect to the students, and if it means me looking like them, and acting like them... I think that's a good thing."

The baby boom: one year later



At left: Zoe a few days after birth. At right: A recent picture of Zoe. Photo courtesy of Shafer-Gold family

At left: Grady Davis a few days after birth. At right: A recent photo of Grady Davis. Photo courtesy of Davis family

Jack Carney
News Correspondent

A year has gone by since three babies were born to families associated with Lyndon State College, and the parents are proud and amazed by their growing toddlers.

Associate Dean of Student affairs Jonathan Davis' child Grady has grown from eight pounds-five ounces to 27 pounds. Reflecting on his first year in parent hood Davis says it has all been a

total blur and bliss and that time has gone by way to fast.

"Just watching him grow up before our eyes is amazing," said Davis. "He's just discovering his voice so he's belting out mommy and daddy all the time. He started walking about two months ago and when he's on a smooth surface he's running."

Davis says his son has become very good at mimicking things he sees and that he's even developing his own personality.

"We've been side by side

from the beginning," said Davis. "He's very clear and vocal, but it's amazing how focused he is. He loves mimicking me with the TV remote control when he's on the couch."

Zoe Shafer Gold, daughter of atmospheric science professor Jay Shafer and his wife Kate Gold from Career Services has grown from nine pounds-six ounces to 21 pounds. Shafer said there's been no other experience like watching his daughter develop.

"Babies have such a unique perspective on the world," said Shafer. "It's crazy to see how innocent and caring we all once were. Seeing a clean slate develop a personality, it's quite amazing; I'm just trying to be a good dad."

Shafer said Zoe started walking three weeks ago and has said some of her first words: up, dad, and hi. Working as a full-time Lyndon staff member Shafer says he and his wife have to manage a lot of responsibility.

"It's the most tiring thing I've ever done," said Shafer. "It's been challenging to be because we don't have any family in the area to help us out. I juggle a lot of responsibility but she is number one."

Admissions counselor Erica Hoyt could not be reached for comment on her daughter Autumn Hoyt, who was born last year as well.

Only time will tell if the babies' ties will carry them right back to Lyndon State College in 17 years.



Photo by Tela Lury

A political debate was held last Thursday evening at Lyndon State College between the candidates running for seats in the Caledonia County Senate. This debate gave them all the opportunity to share their political views with students and others in attendance and convince them why they were the best choice to be elected in November. The participants were Bud Otterman (not pictured), Jane Kitchel (not pictured), Matthew Choate (left), Charlie Bucknam (middle) and Joseph Benning (right). Visit the Critic website to check out political letters to the editor.

Brown House helps practice safe sex

Kelleigh Duffy
News Correspondent

Despite the St. Johnsbury Planned Parenthood closing its doors due to economic troubles, Lyndon students can still receive the care they need from the on-campus Brown House.

The Brown House provides both condoms and birth control pills for contraceptives. Right now the only birth control pill it provides is Ortho Tri-Cyclen, although the employees are hoping to provide more variety of pills, as well as other forms of contraceptives such as the Nuva ring in the future. Ortho Tri-Cyclen currently costs \$10.00 per pack however; Brown House physicians can write a prescription for it and a student's insurance may cover more of the cost.

The school now supplies

its sexually active students with red LifeStyles ultra-lubricated condoms. After receiving reliability complaints about the purple LifeStyles extra-strength condoms the school purchased for the school last year, the Brown House employees did research on the matter to provide students with more dependable condoms.

The Brown House can also test students for sexually transmitted diseases such as chlamydia, gonorrhea, and HIV. These tests can cost \$280 elsewhere, but at the Brown House they are free of charge. Pregnancy tests are also available free of charge.

In the unfortunate event of a sexual assault occurring, the Brown House has two nurses certified to provide proper care to any victim.

This includes health care,

checking for STDs, and obtaining any DNA the perpetrator left behind.

However, just because the DNA evidence is obtained from the victim does not mean any legal actions have to be taken against the suspect, although it does give the victim support if they do decide to press charges at the time of the incident, or later on in the future.

"Many sexual assaults are not reported on campus because they are scared the will be in trouble if alcohol is involved, or they are just too humiliated," said Susie Duckett, a registered nurse at the Brown House. However, no matter what the circumstances are, the victim will not be in any trouble. The Brown House also provides counselors who can help with the emotional half of being a sexual assault victim.

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Hate-be-gone: stand up for tolerance

Recently there have been national headlines detailing horrific suicides of teenagers that faced harassment based mainly on their sexuality. This is deeply concerning to me, but it is not at all surprising. Between the gay culture or 'community' as it is sometimes referred to and the non-acceptance or tolerance of homosexuality in the mainstream, it's no wonder gay teens or gay people in general feel isolated, confused, and depressed.

While it might be generalizing, there has been research done pointing out that many gay men seek to attain an unrealistic embodiment of masculinity through their physical appearance. I see this time and time again; a self-obsession of trying to reach outward perfection. This creates a scenario of objectification of people instead of seeing the creative spark of compassion and love that exists in all of us.

With this heightened focus on appearance comes a more highly sexualized men-

tal. I would argue that it occurs in straight relations as well, but in gay relations it's amplified to the tenth degree. Sex and 'interested in' seem to be directly correlated. It seems like the idea of courtship and building a solid friendship first is something that stayed in the 20th century. Instead physical interactions aka sexual relations seem to be more emphasized and even thrust upon us in many instances. There are even situations where people 'dump' or discontinue relations if the other person doesn't give it up fast enough or a so-called better piece of meat comes along. The importance of emotional and spiritual connections is completely thrown out the window and rendered irrelevant. While not all men or gay men in particular think this way, book after book, research data after research data, personal experience after personal experience, verifies my point. But not all the issues have to do with the gay 'community'; the mainstream or majority

are equally to blame.

The categorizing or labeling of people who are different represents the embodiment of the in-group/out-group theory in sociology. The mentality is if you are different than me, if you don't look, sound, smell, and act just like me or what society tells us is 'normal,' you are immediately pushed as an outcast. I guess when people say just be yourself, they are referring to being yourself in the constraints of pursuing society's perception of an ideal normal life. Men have to be muscular, testosterone pumped, and like ultra masculine things such as sports. Women have to be passive creatures whose sole purpose in life is to be a size zero and serve the man. While this stereotyping has broken down a bit over the years, it serves as a basis to extend a similar treatment to minorities including gays.

Bullying and harassment affect all types of students but when gay teens are four times more likely to commit suicide,

someone needs to pay attention. This issue isn't a new one and it's sad that in our 24 hour cable news cycle and era of instant online communication, gay-targeted bullying is only now coming to the forefront in the mainstream.

Image and visualize yourself as a gay teen that on a day to day basis is made fun of. Your friends, your family, your enemies, acquaintances, all see you through a prism of judgment and ridicule. No matter how hard you work, no matter how hard you try, no matter how good of a person you are, people still see your sexuality over you as an American, a human being, a spirit.

Why me? What did I do to anyone? What did I do to deserve this treatment when I can't control it, it's a part of me?

When you put yourself in their shoes or you know someone in those situations, it becomes a whole new ballgame. The dehumanizing barriers, like the ones created in the military, breakdown when

you are connected or directly impacted. My hope is that one day we can have a world, a society, a country, a state, a campus; that is not only more accepting of differences but highlights what brings us all together. You are the driver in the car of life on the highway of self-discovery meaning no one can live your life besides you. If you are bullied or harassed remember that the people doing it have fears and insecurities themselves that they don't want to deal with. Instead they want to superimpose them onto you to keep the attention off them. Be the strong willed individual. Be the champion for your own cause. Each person is special and was put on this Earth for a reason. It's time to live our lives and not end them, so let's all be aware of our words and actions and how it may affect others.

In love and light,
Justin Chenette

What the funk is going on?

Brian Lacharite
Columnist

Welcome back loyal readers, what a long break that was eh? Not writing for two whole weeks can cause a major case of writer's block. With all this extra spare time on my hands I've been able to extensively explore the surrounding Northeast Kingdom. One of the things I've stumbled upon in my travels has piqued my curiosity considerably. What I want to know is what the funk is going on off of route 114?

Well to be more specific, what is going on between Island Pond and Averill off of 114? You see, if any of you have journeyed north that way, you may have noticed a strange sight on the side of the road. Perhaps you thought nothing of it and kept on driving. Or perhaps others of you have followed my lead and pulled over, gotten out of the car and tried to make sense of it all. For those of you who clearly so confused right now, let me clarify.

Driving up 114, not too far after Island Pond and not too far before reaching Averill, you will notice on the left side of the road a small black mailbox. Also near this mailbox is a fairly large refrig-

eration unit. The signs next to them advertise farm fresh local eggs. The suggested donation to be made is usually \$2.00; however on some days they reduce it down to \$1.50. Why anyone would mark down a suggested donation price is beyond me. But that's just the beginning of the strangeness. With your two dollars in hand, you cautiously walk over the slotted mailbox and stick it in. You then proceed to open the cooler. What do you see? A DEAD BODY!!! Nah, I'm just messing with you. You get exactly what was advertised; the most incredible locally raised organic eggs you can imagine. They come in a variety of colors, because a different breed of hen laid each egg. Some eggs are bluish; others are dark brown, your standard white, and my favorite ones are the green eggs. And I have to tell you, they are the most delicious eggs you will ever consume. I've made omelets, over easy eggs, and all sorts of treats from them. Now if you're not weirded out enough by the idea of a random mailbox and egg cooler on the side of the road, things get more bizarre.

Just behind the cooler you will notice a large assortment of signs, all boasting

huge fonts and enough religious propaganda to make Pat Robertson giddy. There is also a large reflecting mirror and a creepy cardboard cutout of a king that would give the BK King a run for his money as the world's scariest mascot. Where did all these signs come from? Who's running this place? Is this some sort of cult compound? Are we going to have another Waco incident on our hands?

Are my eggs filled with poison? These are all the questions that race through my head every time I stop and buy some eggs. My best guess has always been that this is some sort of religious encampment. Regardless, it's one very nice service that they have going. Where else can you buy a dozen farm fresh eggs for less than \$2.00? Not in any store I've ever been to. I strongly encourage anyone

who enjoys a good sunny side up egg, or likes reading from The Bible to check this place out. Perhaps in the future I'll work up the courage to wander into their territory, whoever "they" are. And when I do, you'll be the first to get the exclusive scoop about what's going on up north. Just remember to get your protein and eat your eggs. Have a good week everyone.

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Putting the service in "public service"

To the editor:

In today's news, which is often gloom and doom, or negative in some fashion, may I share something very positive?

On Thursday, Sept. 30, I taught an event at Vermont Interactive Television that was a class for registered nurses. The following day, I received a call at home from one of these fine nurses, saying that she had forgotten her cord to her laptop at the VIT studio at Lyndon State. She was working a twelve-hour shift at Copley Hospital, and desperately needed the cord.

A call to Public Safety got George Hacking on the other end, and he said he would gladly ask someone to check the studio for me, and get back to me.

The officer that checked was Shane Beam. He not only checked the studio (to no avail) and did get back to me, but his attitude was so positive and upbeat, that I wanted

to make note of it. When I thanked him for doing this with his busy schedule, his response was: "This is what we are here for, and this is our job."

I am sure that most of us have had experiences in life with customer service that is far from being good. This makes it so refreshing to find someone that not only does their job, but also maintains a most positive attitude and demeanor while doing that job.

Kudos to Shane and George. They do put the word service in "public service". Most sincerely, Harry J. Swett Technician, Vermont Interactive Television (and retired old fart from the Lyndon State College mailroom)

p.s... The errant cord was picked up by another nurse in the event, and returned to its rightful owner on Saturday.

End of story.. :)

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A cure for student zombification: travel

To my fellow students at Lyndon State College:

By now you are all knee-deep in the hectic world consisting of classes, homework, deadlines, and out-of-school related work. Stress is constantly piling into the figurative (or literal) backpack that you carry on your shoulders each and every day.

Your girlfriend/boyfriend just dumped you. You just got a D on a paper. You even got in a fight with Mom... and she won. It seems like everything is going wrong and there's no way out. You find yourself asking, "WHEN WILL THIS ALL STOP!?"

Every one of you are feeling the effects of this stress:

the drooping eyelids, the dark circles around your eyes, even your walk has turned into a hunched-back sulk. You're slowly turning into a zombie. You're one heart-wrenching step away from shouting, "BRAAAAINS!"

Well, you're not alone, my friends; you are not alone. There are others like you, but there are also those who have found the cure. I can happily say that I am one of those lucky few, and I want to save as many of you as I can, but there isn't much time left. You need to take action soon, before it's too late.

The Cure: What you need is something to look forward to—nay, not just something, but one colossal thing to give

your life meaning. There is a trip coming up over our Spring Break. The trip includes breathtaking, life revitalizing locations in Italy and Greece, such as: Rome, Florence, the Capri Island, Sorrento, Pompeii, Delphi and even Athens!

My friends, this is a chance to escape this hectic life for ten days. Don't waste this opportunity; do yourself a favor and contact me at: cameron.marcoux@lyndonstate.edu. I'll hook you up with all the information you need to save yourself from the frightening reality of student zombification.

-Cameron Marcoux

We're not hypocrites: we're Republicans

Dear editor,

I am writing in response to the column "What the Funk is Going On" last week, where the writer talked about his experience at one of the College Republican meetings where we had Auditor Tom Salmon come in and speak. I was actually shocked that this stuff was written about my club. As the president of the College Republicans I encourage students in my club to speak up about what they believe in, even if people don't like it or agree. Vermont is not a conservative-friendly place. We might, if not do, live in the most liberal state in the country, so our views may not be liked, but that is ok because if people speak loudly about the liberal issues, I want to speak louder about conservative issues because that is what I believe. I was shocked when he said that a few "elephants" in the room said some snide remarks about President Obama. Honestly, no one that I have talked to remembers saying

anything about Obama, but let me just remind everyone that we have a first amendment right to the freedom of speech, which means that anyone who wants to at any time speak out against our President can do so. The columnist also said that he thought he was the only Democrat in the place. Respectfully I would like to say: DUH!!!! We are Republicans! It is in our name: The College REPUBLICANS.

Another thing I was shocked about was how the columnist said that he thought we were all a bunch of hypocrites. Let me get something straight here: all of the members of my club are respectful of people with other belief systems, and we welcome anyone who wants to get involved with politics, whether it be Republican, Democrat, Independent, Progressive, Libertarian, Socialist, Working Families, or the Marijuana party (yes it does exist), to come to our meetings on Mondays at 7:30 in LAC 414. Also, you may be

surprised to find that among our College Republican members, a few voted for Barack Obama, including myself. I am happy he may vote for Salmon, but to write in an opinion article that everyone in the room is a hypocrite without even knowing us is WRONG! The only job that the columnist was sent to do was take pictures of Tom Salmon. The columnist should have spoken up. We would not have attacked him, or unleashed the "ire" we so called have.

In closing I would like to send a message to the columnist and any other supporters of non-Republicans out there: SPEAK UP!!! If you don't like something that is said at one of our meetings, please speak up about it. Whether you are reporting or just checking our club out, you have a voice, and we want to hear it.

Thank you,
Brett Rubinate
President of the Lyndon State College Republicans

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Men's soccer star: Lumumba

Eric Blaisdell
Critic Staff

Sophomore Patrice Lumumba brings some African bang to the Lyndon State College men's soccer team.

Lumumba originally hails from the Democratic Republic of Congo. He came to the United States seven years ago to escape the war that had erupted there: Before arriving in Vermont and then at LSC he and his family moved around trying to find a place to settle down as well as to keep his family safe.

"We ran from place to place because we needed a better place for our family," he said.

Patrice has had a difficult road getting to where he is, but hasn't let that discourage him.

"I missed two to three years of school. I know I can make it anywhere," said Lumumba. "As long as I put my mind to it, I know I can accomplish anything. (My father's) proud of me and I'm proud of myself as well."

Lumumba has six goals so far this season, which is currently fourth in the North

Atlantic Conference. He credits his teammates for his success.

"My teammates are the most important people, they make me a good scorer," he said. "We all communicate together. One person can't score goals without the help of a teammate. My teammates are always there to help me out, that's what makes me a good scorer."

The LSC men's soccer team is currently second in the NAC, behind Castleton, with a record of 8-2-2 and Patrice expects the team to go all the way this year.

"Our main goal is to win the NAC," he said. "When we first entered the gym for the preseason we all agreed that we have to win the NAC. That's our main focus and that's something I would love to accomplish."

Lumumba comes from a soccer bloodline. According to Patrice, his father played for the Democratic Republic of Congo national team for five years before the war.

"It's great having your father play for the national team," says Lumumba. "He also played in Tanzania in a

refugee camp where we moved to find a better place to live."

Soccer has been Patrice's passion since birth. He tries to fashion his game after Pele and Cristiano Ronaldo. He would love to play soccer professionally.

"Since in the womb I was born and raised on soccer," he said. "My father brought me a soccer ball and that was my first gift."

Patrice is majoring in Social Work/Business Administration and would want to be a social worker if soccer does not become his career.

"I love working with people," says Lumumba.

This year the World Cup was held in South Africa for the first time and Patrice was happy to see it.

"It was amazing. I thought it was great," he says. "I had a lot of fun watching it. It was a great experience seeing the World Cup in Africa."

With a talented player like Patrice on the squad the men's soccer team is sure to continue its strong play this season.



Photo by Bryan Barber

Lumumba caught in action during a home game this past week.

"Dig pink" meets LSC

Candice Kopec
Critic Staff

For the past five years Side-Out Foundation, creator of "dig pink", has made it possible for college volleyball teams across the U.S. to participate in promoting breast cancer awareness as well as have a chance to raise money for donation.

The Lady Hornets raised about \$220 at the event.

A volleyball coach whose mother suffered from breast cancer created the foundation. It is a non-profit organization, and solely based on helping breast cancer patients fight for their lives.

"Our whole team is more than thrilled to help out such a great cause", said team member, Christine Bailey, "Their main purpose is to get different schools involved, and we were happy to be one of them."

The LSC volleyball team was introduced to the idea last year by opposing teams who played a part in the

cause; one of which being Green Mountain College.

Captain Maegen Fried had no hesitation while deciding that her team would help encourage the cause. LSC team members all wore pink during their home game this Wednesday as a part of their contribution.

"This promotion brought our team closer together," Fried said.

Bailey goes on describing that the name "Dig Pink" came from the "digs" in volleyball, for anyone who is familiar with the game, and of course pink comes from the color of breast cancer awareness.

All profits will go directly to Side-Out Foundation and go towards helping breast cancer patients.

Any further information can be found about Side-Out Foundation on their website, www.side-out.org and/or donations can be made through the website to support breast cancer patients.



Photo by Bryan Barber

Jessica Walsh jumps to block a strike during her home game last Wednesday sporting the "dig pink" attire.

Men's basketball team looking to "bounce" back

Phil Alexander
News Correspondent

Lyndon State College's men's basketball team is looking to reload this season.

Reloading starts with the returnees from last season. Third-year head coach, Joe Krupinski, brings back seven returnees from last semester: captain Jose Fortunato, Ben Sackett, Jason Gray, Logan Calkins, O'Bea Byrd, D.J. Campbell, and Michael Norcross. Sackett, Gray and Calkins were the three top scorers on the team last semester with 14.4, 13.1 and 10.2 points per game, respectively.

Things are going to be tough as the Hornets finished seventh in the North Atlantic

Conference last season. Part of the reason why is because the team allowed the most points in the NAC. Fortunato thinks that the defense is going to improve, however.

"We got a lot of bodies and talent this year. I feel like if we turn the intensity up in a game and keep bringing in fresh bodies, that will allow us to force some turnovers and get some easy baskets," Fortunato said.

There is a reason that Fortunato is the captain of the team. He placed first in the NAC with 147 assists and seventh with 176 rebounds last season. Fortunato also verbally leads his teammates on and off the court. The note that Fortunato wants to start this season off with is a mes-

sage to the team's newcomers.

"The message to the newcomers would be to get them to buy into the system. Whatever system we have in place, I feel like these newcomers bring a lot of talent. If we can just buy into the system, and everybody plays a role, we can really do some damage this year," Fortunato said.

The newcomers will need to buy in if the Hornets plan to be victorious in tough games. Practice kicks off today at 4p.m. and the team will hit the hardwood for their first game of the season on November 4 at home against the University of Quebec-Montreal at 7p.m.

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Volleyball needs out of state talent



Photo by Ian MacDonald
Senior volleyball captain Alison Ciaramitaro sets up a teammate in a recent home game. Ciaramitaro will be the first volleyball player ever to play four years on the team.

First four-year player: Alison Ciaramitaro

Eric Blaisdell
Critic Staff

The Lyndon State volleyball team is in the middle of saying goodbye to its first four-year player.

Alison Ciaramitaro is from Melrose, Mass. She will be LSC's first four-year volleyball player and has been a captain three out of those four years.

Ciaramitaro, a senior atmospheric sciences major, played volleyball all through high school and brought her experience and leadership to Lyndon.

"I've loved it. I'm so sad that this is my last season," she said. "I've loved every minute of it. The coaches have been great."

Coach Fisher is equally impressed with Ciaramitaro.

Because of her familiarity with the sport that most other LSC players do not possess, she has been asked to play a number of positions which she does eagerly.

"She's been a wonderful asset to our program. She's been somebody that I've had to put in a couple of different roles," he said. "She doesn't have any problem doing what I ask her to. She's a great captain. She's going to be a big loss for us."

Ciaramitaro leads the team in digs with 137 on the season, 59 more than the next closest member of the squad.

Fellow senior Christine Bailey, a Lyndonville native, joined Ciaramitaro on the team last season when she transferred to LSC from Norwich.

Eric Blaisdell
Critic Staff

The Lyndon State College women's volleyball team is enduring a rocky season and until Vermont catches up, the next few years will not be much different.

The team holds a record of 3-13 so far this year, the program's fifth season. Coach Sean Fisher sees a lack of aggression as one of the main reasons for the slow start this year.

"It's not looking too good. This year is going to be a tough year for us," he said. "They got to be aggressive. I'd rather have two people going for the ball than nobody."

The loss of players from

last year, where the team went 11-14, also contributes to the bumpy season.

"The talent we got this year doesn't quite make up for what we lost," he said. "We're hurting in experience. We lost three starters (from) last year."

LSC is at a disadvantage to schools in other states because Vermont high schools do not play volleyball. Unless the coaches can sign up players from other states with volleyball experience the seasons are going to continue to be difficult. Coach Fisher recognizes it is a tricky task.

"Not having Vermont high school volleyball hurts us. Without that experience at a collegiate level you have to teach the basics of the

game," says Fisher. "We could be going up against teams that could have been playing since ages 8-10. They could have ten years of experience coming into college; where (my players) might have ten days of experience before our first match."

LSC's student body consists mainly of undergraduates from Vermont whose volleyball experience does not go beyond gym class. The coach has to reach out beyond Vermont to recruit.

"For me to have someone who has talent they have to come from out of state," he said. "It's not like Massachusetts or New Hampshire where even the small high schools have volleyball."

Spirit Squad starting fresh

Candice Kopec
Critic Staff

The Spirit Squad is active and growing this semester.

"The group of girls that we have right now are awesome, and we have a blast together," Kelsey Jones said.

Jones is now in her second year on the LSC Spirit Squad and feels very positive, excited, and anxious for what this year's squad has to offer. They will be dancing at basketball games again, as well as some volleyball games.

Currently, they are working on new dances and also bringing back some of the old dance routines.

She explains that the team is going to be a lot larger than last year's team; they have 13 solid dancers and hope to have a few more.

"We are currently putting up fliers and trying to get more interest in the team," she said. "The more dancers, the better the team."

You don't have to be an amazing dancer to join; having a love for dance, some experience, and simply enjoying your time dancing is enough.

"We would love to have them," she said.

As of right now, she says

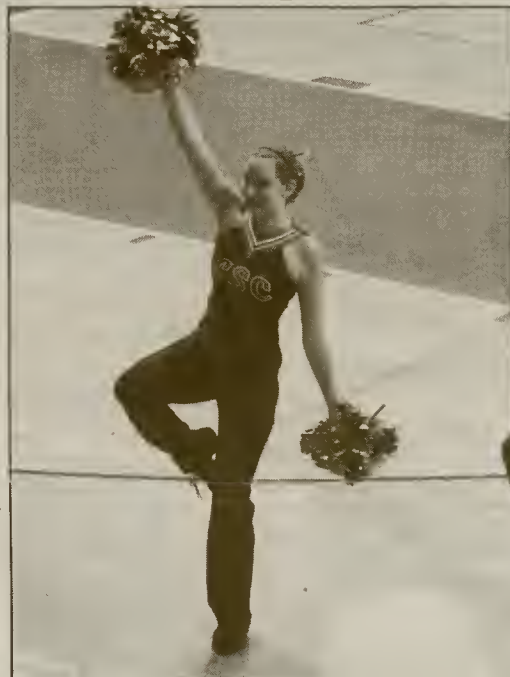


Photo by Sam Monroe
Kerry Lucey dances at dig pink volleyball game. her team is well balanced as far as experience goes.

"We are all working together to learn new dances and teach new dancers the choreography; we all understand that everyone learns differently, at their own pace," Jones said.

Coach Donna Keely chose a wide variety of different music this year, instead of

mostly hip-hop like in years past.

"The girls and I are extremely excited for this change," Jones said.

The girls are ready to dance this school year and hope to attend competitions if there are enough girls to do so.

Doping in college athletics, can you stop it?

Kriston Hall
Critic Staff

We all know that professional sports have had rampant steroid use in the past. Thankfully most pro sports now test to a degree that has all but removed this issue from competitions.

But in a world where foods from beef to vegetables

are grown and treated with more chemicals and substances than you can imagine, can you still stay clean? Three time Tour de France champion Alberto Contador was recently brought into the news for failing a drug test. He reportedly tested positive for small amounts of Clenbuterol, a substance used in beef to increase the leanness

and protein content of the meat.

Students at Lyndon State could be tested for banned substances if they play in any of our NCAA sports. The scariest part of this is you don't have to use steroids to test positive for banned substances. If you work out, the supplements you take before, during, or after a workout

may be tainting your blood.

Stimulants from amiphenazole to strychnine and anabolic agents from androstenediol to stanozolol are all banned by the NCAA. If you're like me you've never heard of these substances, but just because I don't know their names doesn't mean they're not in the protein I take whenever I workout.

Performance enhancing drugs can permanently damage your body and reputation and in today's chemical based world they really are everywhere. It's a lot of work staying in shape and making time for sports in college. Make sure your time isn't wasted and be careful with what you put in your body.

The Forgotten Music Review Eating with Em

Justin Golschneider
Critic Staff

Album: The Viking
Artist: The Viking
Year: 2009
Suggested by: Kenneth Potwin

Welcome to the Forgotten Album Review, where we take the music the world missed out on and bring it to the light! Each week I'll be reviewing an album by a little-known band, suggested by Critic readers. The music can be from any genre, year, or country, just as long as you believe it to be the Muse's gift to humanity.

This week's album is 'The Viking' by, you guessed it, The Viking. Defining themselves as progressive hardcore, they fuse aggression and technicality into one violent, mosh-filled package.

Music: The sheer musical skill put into The Viking is incredible. The guitars come to the forefront, shredding their way through each track in a mathematical style similar to bands like Protest the Hero and Fall of Troy. They're not

afraid to experiment, switching between cruising riffs, organized discord, soaring melody and sheer brutality. With more breakdowns than a sports car in Vermont and plenty of finger-tearing solos, this album is perfect for people who enjoy their music heavy and complex.

The mixing has its ups and downs - the guitars and bass come through beautifully, and they make excellent use of stereo phonics. However, the drums are turned down too far. The kicks can disappear in heavier sections, and the cymbals are just gentle ripples in the background.

Lyrics and vocals: The lyrics have very little to do with Vikings. Nearly every song is about murder from the beginning, or turns into it in the end. Some are targeted towards actual people, with Tim Taylor's Party Tube specifically threatening the CEO of Exxon Mobile.

Graphic and brutal, the lyrics add to the punch these songs have. All the same, they would have done well to write about a few other things occasionally.

Vocalist Nate Danker has a solid hardcore scream.

While usually staying in the midrange, he'll occasionally drop to a low death growl or rise to a near shriek. He sings occasionally, adding more variety to the sound. Neither his singing nor his screaming are the most impressive, though I've heard plenty worse. Gang vocals are used sparingly but to great effect.

Originality: These guys have successfully fused a wide variety of musical techniques into something different. Even if you listen to a lot of similar stuff, they won't disappear into your library as just another band with "that sound."

Final Word: Listening to The Viking is like having somebody walk into your house, punch you in the face, and then dance away down the street: you'll probably want to tell your friends, and maybe the police. Thumbs up!

You can check out The Viking on their Facebook at facebook.com/thevikingmusic, or buy the album on iTunes.



Emilie Lariviere
Entertainment
Editor

Chef's Corner

As all of you have more than likely noticed unless you're hiding in your dorm rooms it has gotten significantly colder outside which sadly means winter is approaching. The closer winter gets it makes me slightly sad. I hate the winter for many reasons but one of them is that it becomes very difficult to get fresh food products that taste good! I love fruit so much! Peaches, plums, apricots and many others are just so fruity, juicy, delicious and good for you. However, it's time for me to say goodbye to these and try to enjoy wintery products such as Apple Butter. Apple butter is rather fun to make and very simple. There is an Apple Orchard named 'Heath's' in Stanstead just over the border in Canada. You can pick a whole bushel of apples for just \$13.

What's cooking in the kitchen?

Apple Butter
Makes 3 pints

4 lb apples
2 cup water
4 cup sugar
2 tsp cinnamon
1/4 tsp cloves

Instructions:

Peel core and quarter apples combine with water, simmer until soft. Puree with food mill or a blender to make puree. Combine sugar and spices. Cook on low heat until desired thickness. Stir often to prevent sticking.

If you have any questions or recipes you want to submit you can email me at: emily.lariviere@lyndonstate.edu.

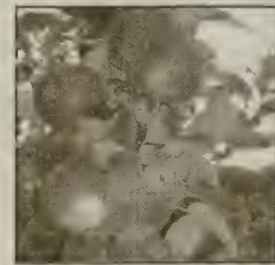


Photo by Emilie Lariviere

Super Mediocre Horoscope

Aquarius - January 20 - February 18
Remember that midterm paper you wrote entirely in Wing Dings font? Your professor will not find it as funny as your drunk roommate did.
Pisces - February 19 - March 20
Just remember: a cold shower is better than no shower at all.
Aries - March 21 - April 19
You're going to break some major news that will impact thousands of lives on Twitter—too bad nobody "follows" you.
Taurus - April 20 - May 20
You can't do anything wrong this week. Throw that Paul Rudd-autographed Easy Button you got in Panama this summer on eBay—you'll probably get at least \$5,000.
Gemini - May 21 - June 20
There are three eggs in a Spanish omelet.
Cancer - June 21 - July 22
There's an app for that.
Leo - July 23 - August 22
Sell, sell, sell!
Virgo - August 23 - September 22
The "p" key on your laptop is not going to survive much longer.
Libra - September 23 - October 22
I hope you enjoyed your birthday—now everybody can go back to not caring!
Scorpio - October 23 - November 21
On Wall Street, money never sleeps. On College Road, students never sleep. Not during midterms, anyway. Hope you have lots of Red Bull.
Sagittarius - November 22 - December 21
Buy, buy, buy!
Capricorn - December 22 - January 19
Do not pass go and do not collect \$200.

What should we do in the NEK ?

Adam Brothers
News Correspondent

Countless times throughout the week are the words spoken, "what should we do?" Here in the Northeast Kingdom, excitement is generated almost completely from the land and its natural offerings. For those interested in a more socially enthusiastic atmosphere, our "city" of Burlington subtly embraces its visitors into a comfortable, friendly, artistic, and energetic environment.

Lining the mellow-paced streets are countless music shops, art galleries, boutiques, cafés, and much more. Located on the beautiful Lake Champlain, Burlington offers the social energy of multiple colleges including the University of Vermont, and the traveler's ideal setting for enjoying the local culture.

Church Street is the happening place to stretch your legs, stroll across the bricks and visually take in the art, and entrepreneurialism. There's always a fascinating sense of energy and friendliness on Church Street. Perhaps it's the lack of commercialism. Maybe it's the lack of cars (Church Street is pedestrians only). It could

be the quaintness of such an extraordinary place. Whatever it is, Church Street regularly fills up with unique individuals, imaginative artists, and generally positive vibes. The brick road is lined with unique shops and places to purchase any number of interesting gifts, apparel, or artwork.

For the music aspect of this big town, small city, whatever you may desire referring to it as, there's a great venue; Higher Ground. It offers great music, (subjective, but be open!) comedy, and even poker tournaments on occasion. The scene is great, and the music is always top-notch as well. For more information, check out highergroundmusic.com.

To spend a day exploring Church Street and it's restaurants, bars, shops, whatever your interests may be and then you

should head over to Higher Ground for a show which would make one spectacular day and night.

Lyndon student, Jack Carney recently experienced a trip to Burlington, stating in hindsight, "It was real beautiful, real clean. The atmosphere on Church Street was just incredible. It's a great little city and I want to go back real soon."

Burlington, Vermont sure is like no other town and truly illuminates the visitors to a style of living that truly impresses and astounds.

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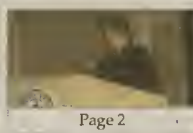
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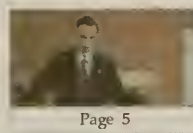
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Georgia Tech demands change

Aimee Lawton
News Editor

Lyndon State College is being forced to abandon the hornet and create a new athletic logo.

It has been confirmed by Lyndon officials that a letter from lawyers representing Georgia Tech was sent asking for the logo to be dropped from use at Lyndon. The Lyndon State Hornet is similar to the Georgia Tech Yellow Jacket, which is a copyrighted image. Georgia Tech has been using their current Yellow Jacket since the early 1970's, several decades longer than Lyndon has used the hornet.

Georgia Tech has a very large campus. It is located on 400 acres of land in the heart of Atlanta and houses 20,000 undergraduate and graduate students. Its sports teams are NCAA Division I and very

well known throughout the country.

The letter was sent after an inquiry by The Critic asking Georgia Tech if the logo was copyrighted.

President Carol Moore acknowledged that Lyndon did receive a letter from lawyers requesting a change.

"They are willing to work with us to phase out the logo, so it doesn't cost a lot of money," said Moore.

The Georgia Tech website lists the Yellow Jacket and several other symbols as being "federally registered in the name in the name of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by and on behalf of the Georgia Institute of Technology." "Buzz," their Yellow Jacket is among the images listed on the page that are trademarked.

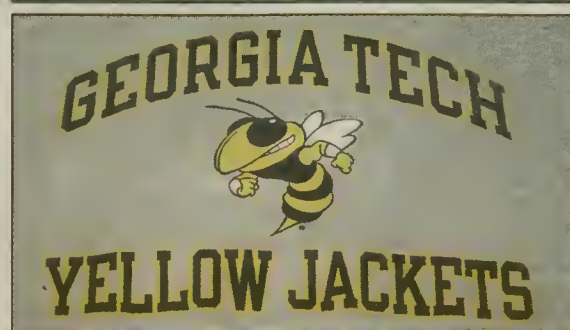
A Lyndon official said the college thought the hornet

was a clip art piece when the logo was adopted by LSC.

The processes of phasing out the logo will be a lengthy and potentially pricey project. The hornet is currently on athletic uniforms, SGA logos, tee shirts, the athletic website, school promotion tools and many other pieces of memorabilia throughout campus.

Moore said the college will be working to change a potential harmful situation into a positive one. She said that this will "open doors" for Lyndon students. Keith Chamberlin, the director of communications and marketing, will begin to work with athletic director Chris Ummer as well as students in designing a new logo for the college. Chamberlin said it will be a challenge but a great opportunity for students.

The logo will have to represent Lyndon and



specifically Lyndon athletics.

Two high schools in Vermont also use logos that resemble Lyndon's and Georgia Tech's. Milton High

School uses an identical logo, and Essex High School uses a very similar logo that is green rather than the traditional black and gold.

Lyndon, Landmark settle logo dispute

Aimee Lawton
News Editor

Lyndon State College and Landmark College recently settled a disagreement about the similarities in the two colleges logos.

Landmark College located in Putney, Vt. specializes in providing an education to students with learning disabilities and/or ADHD. The logo used to represent their school is a

shield portraying an image of a path leading to a sunrise that is being surrounded by mountains on both sides. According to a news article published by the college in August 2005, they feel that this is symbolic to not only the geographic location of their college, but also to the goals that they have for their students.

The new Landmark logo was unveiled in August 2005 in celebration of its 20-year

anniversary. The college felt that this was a good time to debut the new logo because it symbolized their unique mission.

Landmark sent a letter to Lyndon after the new logo was unveiled in 2009. The letter claimed the logo looked similar to theirs. LSC President Carol Moore said that Landmark expressed concern that the similarities between the two logos would cause confusion among the two schools. Keith Chamberlin, director of communications and marketing and the designer of the Lyndon logo explained where the idea for it came

from.

"A mountain and a sunrise represent Vermont," he said. "There are only so many ways that you can interpret a mountain and a sunrise. This same kind of symbol is used for many Vermont businesses, and also for Champlain College, and I feel as though we own the symbol as much as anyone else in the state."

Chamberlin added that the logo was designed as a symbol of the college motto "towards the enlightenment of the kingdom."

"When a situation like this arises," Chamberlin said, "there are several conditions that have to be met in order for any legal action to be taken, including who can claim usage first as a priority, whether or not the other image hurts your business in some way, and whether or not consumers are confused by it."

No legal action was taken. Moore said that the presidents of both schools talked and agreed that the logos were not similar enough to confuse students. To be sure, they agreed that

students who called the schools would be monitored to make sure they were contacting the right school.

Lyndon also agreed that the new logo will appear with the words "Lyndon, a Vermont State College" next to it. This was a written agreement that was signed by both presidents.

Chamberlin, who had designed over 500 logos in his lifetime, said that it is hard to create a logo for anything that looks completely original from something else. He is the owner of Elements Restaurant in St. Johnsbury, and said that he found another Elements Restaurant in Canada that had a logo almost identical to that of his restaurant. He says that he is not bothered by this because this other restaurant offers no competition to his.

"There are only so many ways that someone can portray the four elements," he said. "We are located nowhere close to each other, and their logo will not hurt my business or cause any confusion among consumers."



Weekend Weather Outlook: Jordan Sherman

Additional weather information provided by The Weather Channel.

Friday:



HIGH
38°-42°
WINDS
W 15-20

► Mostly cloudy skies.

Friday night:



LOW
24°-27°
WINDS
NW 15-20

► Partly cloudy skies.

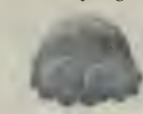
Saturday:



HIGH
44°-47°
WINDS
W 5-10

► Mostly cloudy, chance for isolated rain/snow shower in the morning.

Saturday night:



LOW
28°
WINDS
W 14

► Mostly cloudy skies.

Sunday:



HIGH
46°
WINDS
S 5

► Scattered rain showers possible throughout the day.

NEASC takes tour, desicion to come in March

Sam Monroe
Critic Editor

Lyndon's strengths outshined its weaknesses during the three-day evaluation from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges that will determine reaccreditation in the spring.

"They have been a fabulous team. We've learned a lot and we couldn't be happier with the visit," said Lyndon State President Carol Moore at the exit presentation.

The NEASC team arrived on campus Sunday night and left Wednesday afternoon.

The team will now begin to write a report that evaluates LSC with the 11 NEASC standards.

After spending three days touring Lyndon and meeting with faculty, staff, administrators and students, Cynthia Huggins, chair of the NEASC team, made an exit presentation in front of faculty, staff and students in ASAC 100 on Wednesday.

During the presentation Huggins highlighted strengths and weaknesses the team had discovered during



Members of the NEASC team sit during the exit presentation. The team included Cynthia Huggins, Robert Fitzpatrick, Michael Sonntag, Richard Kimball, Sheila Sykes, and Siamack Shojai. Photo by Sam Monroe

their visit to Lyndon.

"We had a hard time agreeing on the strengths because there are so many," Huggins said.

"I've always been struck by how beautiful the campus is," she said as she talked about the campus itself being a strength. She pointed out the new buildings and renovations as part

"LSC faces some significant challenges over the next five years, but we are confident you can handle it."

-Cynthia Huggins,
chair of NEASC team

of the strength and importance to Lyndon's survival. Huggins also noted the technology that is located in the library and classrooms.

Another strength the team discovered was the investment the college has in students.

"Seldom, if ever, have I been on a campus that cares this much about the students," Huggins said.

She spoke of the sense of loyalty that students and faculty develop for one another and talked about the importance of students on a college campus.

One of Lyndon's slogans is "experience makes the education." The team found this to be another strength.

"Students want to know that they can get a job after graduation," she said of Lyndon's commitment to experiential learning. She discussed how many students had talked about their internships being a huge part of why they enjoy Lyndon so much. The team agreed that it was a very positive thing that most majors require students to have an internship or do practicum work as part of the requirements to get the degree.

The final strength the team found was the assessment the college is doing. Huggins explained that this could be a useful tool in helping to figure out what the college needs to improve on and how it can get better.

Room for improvement

Huggins also spoke of a few weaknesses at Lyndon State College.

The assessment that was noted as a strength can also be harmful, according to Huggins.

"We are concerned that you are engaged in a flurry of data gathering," she said.

"We're not sure everyone has the proper experience to use it." She went on to say that if the college continues to educate everyone who uses the tool, it will be great.

Another concern the team expressed was institutional sustainability. Huggins explained the college faces a challenge of keeping a balanced budget, maintaining the improvements made to campus, graduation rates and attrition rates.

Huggins called the current capital campaign "impressive," also calling the school's ability to obtain large grants "impressive."

"Lyndon State is unusually tuition-dependent. State support is dwindling," said Huggins.

She explained how this could be a problem in the future as costs to maintain the college and the new buildings rise. She also pointed to the employee benefit package now exceeding 50 percent of the salary. Expenses such as these could become a problem in the future if the college remains tuition-dependant. This fall, the college's enrollment saw a drop in almost 80 students. This year's freshman class contains 60 less students than last year's. A majority of the missing students are out-of-state students that pay more to attend LSC.

"Admissions and retention should be the responsibilities of all faculty and staff," said Huggins. "Not just the admissions department."

Huggins explained that 83 percent of Lyndon students are enrolled in "professional" degree programs. She applauded the effort of Lyndon to expand its academic programs but urged the college to take a look at each department and take action of consolidation.

"None of these problems are unique to LSC," said Huggins. "LSC faces some significant challenges over the next five years, but we are confident you can handle it."

The NEASC team will draft a report and send it to the president, giving her a chance to respond. The final report will be finished in December when the president and chair of the NEASC team will meet with the board to discuss the report. The final decision on accreditation will not be made until about March of 2011.

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Political clubs gain the vote on campus

Timothy Christ

News Correspondent

It's election season and Lyndon State has two organizations that are trying to gain the vote here on campus.

The College Republicans and the Students for Social Justice, formed in the spring of 2009 and the fall of 2009 respectively, both want to have their views respected throughout the community.

"What started as a trip to the University of Vermont in

Burlington for a Collège Republicans meeting ended with the idea to have a branch at Lyndon," LCR vice president Tyler Kittleman said.

Both Kittleman and SGA President John Kleinhans were elected to the executive board of the organization and wanted to create a Lyndon branch to represent the school.

This year, Brett Rubinate has taken the reigns as president of the LCR, while Kittleman holds the vice president

position. Rubinate has clear goals for the Lyndon branch to achieve. Some of these include door-to-door campaigning for the current elections, sign waving, and having guest speakers from the political world come to talk about issues that pertain to the students.

"We have Dan Freilich coming on the 25th, and our goal is to have an open forum on the day before the elections, Nov. 1," Rubinate said.

On the other end of the

political spectrum, the Students for Social Justice, formerly known as Club Action, is starting up its projects to help the community.

"Last year Club Action had been putting out a bi-weekly newsletter that featured socioeconomic and political issues," said club president Joe Pasquance.

The organization is still putting out the newsletters, but has other plans that included the shelter walk fundraiser that they participated in on Saturday.

"The idea of the newsletter is for people to become educated on politics.

Through knowledge people gained unity," Pasquance said.

The Students for Social Justice are also looking to get candidates to come and speak in order to have students more educated on politics.

While both clubs are favoring a specific political side, they share a common goal of educating people in politics.

Commuter students enjoy CAB events

Jennifer Morin

News Correspondent

Commuter students may have the freedom of living away from campus, but just how beneficial is this freedom to them when trying to balance time on campus as well?

Senior music business major Caitlin Kolson has been a commuter at LSC for three years now and it seems to have its ups and downs.

This is Kolson's final year at LSC, and her third year as a commuter student. Overall, she says that she likes commuting most of the time, with a few exceptions.

"What's really frustrating is when it's winter-time and they haven't plowed the hill," she said.

She also said that there really isn't enough parking at school.

"After they built the new building you'd think they would have added more parking since there's more commuters because it's cheaper to commute," she said.

There are also benefits to being a commuter here at LSC. One of these benefits is the "commuter days" provided by the Campus Activities Board where anyone in the school can do activities and get things for free.

"Commuter days are great,

you get to hang out and get free stuff. It's really cool," Kolson said.

To stay involved, Kolson is a part of many different groups and activities that take place on campus. She is an active member of the Twilight Players, helps put on concerts for her music business major, and hangs out with her friends in the residence halls. She also goes to most of the CAB-sponsored events.

"CAB events and activities are a great way to stay involved on campus and most are free," she said.

Commuters from other Vermont State Colleges seem to enjoy many of the same benefits as LSC commuters. Johnson State College freshman and music education major Joshua Clinger is a commuter, and says that he doesn't mind commuting to school.

"It's a lot cheaper for me to commute and stay at home," he said.

He also said that JSC has meetings for commuters and students who stay on campus to get to know one another. These meetings are similar to the commuter days at LSC. In addition, Clinger said that most everything is free, like concerts and plays, which is similar to LSC's CAB-sponsored events.

Bad Credit affects future employment

Benjamin Cookson

News Correspondent

If you choose not to pay student loans and credit card bills, your degree is almost worthless in the job market.

In today's modern economy, many companies will not hire you if you have bad credit.

Many companies are running credit reports on potential employees to thoroughly judge their character. This rational suggests that if you have bad credit, you are unreliable and could be a liability to the organization.

"I look at everyone's credit before I hire them" said Bill Stimpson, senior manager in charge of hiring at NSA Industries. "I don't discriminate, but if there are two equally-qualified applicants, I will offer the position to the one with better credit."

This trend is common across the country. Employers are not the only organizations looking at credit. Landlords and rental agencies often review credit reports on new applicants. According to Stimpson, people with better credit tend to be more reliable.

"Credit is the most important aspect of a person's life," said Karen Sylvester, loan officer at North Country Federal Credit Union.

According to Sylvester, interest rates for customers with good credit can be as low as 3.99 percent. With poor credit the same loan could have an

interest rate as high as 16 percent.

"It is important to break this down to everyday tangible numbers," said Sylvester, who mapped out two loan scenarios.

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"I want to break this down even more," said Sylvester. "Let's base this on \$10 per hour."

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"That is equal to over 12 weeks of work if they put every dollar towards the loan," said Sylvester. "That is why credit is so important."

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SGA walk-out was out of line

To the Editor:

While I feel that Dave Johnson and Samuel Pierog made a strong argument about receiving funding of nearly \$500, I would like to state that the behavior portrayed by Mr. Johnson was far from appropriate, especially coming from a person holding a leadership position.

So putting the issue of funding and even the name and constitution change entirely aside, the way Mr. Johnson acted towards SGA members was that of someone

who obviously could not accept constructive criticism and other people's arguments.

This in mind, I would be worried that because of Mr. Johnson's angry attitude and most likely further animosity towards SGA and its members, is that it will negatively affect that social and business relationship.

When a person responds to others with some obviously anger-filled and flippant remarks and to then slam down their laptop and walk out of an official meeting it doesn't

show characteristics of a leader. In fact quite the opposite.

Again, while I would have given High Society the funding they asked for, because I do in fact believe they would use it in order to further improve their club, I feel that the way Mr. Johnson behaved displayed poor character and promotes further hostility between High Society and SGA.

Margaret George
Elected Rep.

Benning is ready for change

To the Editor:

Vermont needs to change. Vermont needs to support business and reduce regulation. Vermont needs jobs, fiscal responsibility, lower taxes.

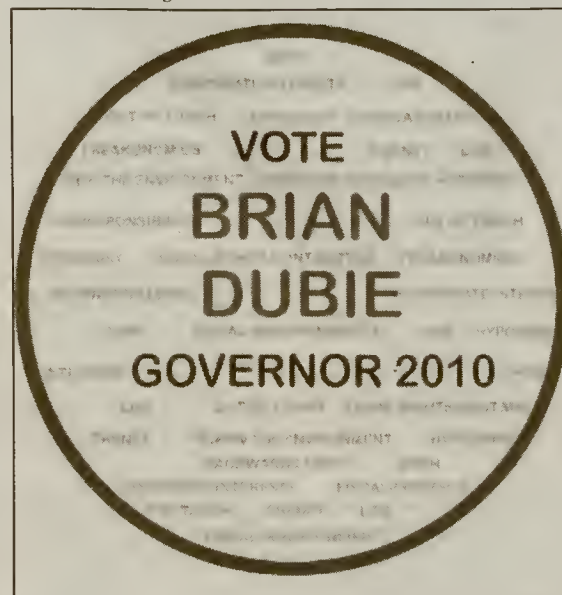
I've worked alongside Joe Benning on committees and boards over the last 15 years. I believe in his principles.

Joe's experience is broad, stretching from his career knowledge of the law, serving as a school board member, and among other things, volunteering his time endlessly on numerous and varied local projects. Joe's broad experience and knowledge will serve us well in the State Senate.

He speaks eloquently, works tirelessly, and gets things done.

Join me in voting for Joe Benning this November and help make Vermont more business friendly, fiscally balanced, and a better place to live and work.

Pauline Harris
Lyndonville, VT



Political cartoon by Brian Lacharte

Thanks for the help, SGA

To the Editor:

We would like to publicly thank the members of the Student Government Association for approving our funding request this past week to help fund our trip to Guatemala in February of 2011. Every little bit helps, and the children and families we will be working with in Guatemala are just as grateful as we are. We look forward to working with the LSC community through fundraising efforts while creating awareness about the social issues the people of Guatemala are facing.

Once again, thank you, SGA, for the help!

Sincerely,
The 2011 Guatemala Service
Learning Trip Group



Drawing by Adam Whittier

Benning is a smart choice

To the Editor:

Joe Benning's common sense, community service, knowledge of history, frugality and eloquence are all fine reasons to support his candidacy for the Vermont Senate. Another one is his approach to solving problems.

A good illustration is the way he led a drive to clean up a five-mile stretch of the Passumpsic River when he was president of the Lyndonville Rotary Club. Rather than wait around for federal or state grants, he mobilized the club members and the freshman class at Lyndon State College and they got to work.

They took inventory, then spent four years removing

junk cars and other big stuff with a crane and backhoes. After removing 34 tons of car parts, they concentrated on what was left – some 400 tires and about 3,000 pounds of general trash. He and others who worked on the project showed what perseverance and a willingness to work can accomplish.

Since then, other Rotary Clubs, including St. Johnsbury's, have applied the same methods to other stretches of river.

Joe Benning would be a great addition to the Vermont Senate.

Mary Beausoleil
Lyndonville

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Corrections:

In issue three, in an article titled "Elected rep seats still open" it was incorrectly stated that write-in positions were unavailable for all positions during the Student Government Association elections. Write-in spots were available for first, second and third year representatives. There were no spots to write in a fourth year or a commuter rep.
In issue five in the article titled "Dig Pink" a quote was inaccurately attributed to Maegan Fried.

How to network in the 21st century

Justin Chenette
Critic Staff

With about one out of ten Americans out of work, the use of social media as a networking tool has become ever more important, especially for college students.

The advent of social media, such as Facebook and LinkedIn, has forever changed how job-seekers communicate to potential employers and vice versa. One can now simply search a database of open job or internship opportunities and a company can search through a database of posted resumes at the click of a mouse.

At Lyndon State College, a whole department is devoted to assisting students and even alumni with this very thing. Career Services helps with searching career options, developing interviewing skills, resume building, obtaining internships, and job placement.

"I'm always surprised by the number of seniors who

might say I didn't know you were even here," said Director of Career Services Linda Wacholder. "Not enough students use it."

Aside from posting on www.lyndonstate.edu/careers, Wacholder puts on weekly seminars that specialize on specific tips and tricks of the trade. These seminars, however, are poorly attended, she said. This past week there was a seminar on the website known as LinkedIn. Over 80 percent of businesses use the free online networking service as a primary tool of finding potential employees, according to the Jobrite Social Recruitment Survey.

"I think anyone in this day and age looking for a position needs to utilize the 21st century materials otherwise they're going to be left in the dark," Wacholder said. Many students on campus are using online resources, like Leani Lopez, an English and creative writing senior.

Lopez has had a freelance writing business as a side

project for many years. She decided to not only create Facebook and Twitter pages but also design a website completely devoted to her freelance work. Her website at lmfreelance.weebly.com features samples of her work, resume, and contact information.

"Websites and Facebook pages are a great way to get your work out there," said Lopez. "Our generation is the networking generation and employers will be very eager to hire people who already know how to network, rather than hiring someone who has to learn it."

While the creation of personal websites for professional use isn't something Career Services usually suggests, Wacholder does believe it can be useful in instances of networking and freelancing.

"It's an easy way to drive a potential employer to see his or her other works," she said.

Flu season on campus is approaching

Robert Trucott
News Correspondent

Winter weather is fast approaching, and that means that flu season is just around the corner.

Brown House nurse Abby Provost said that the flu season that regularly happens this time of year is better than last year's swine flu epidemic.

"It's still early, but the signs are showing that it won't be as bad as last year," Provost said.

Provost said one of the major signs that can predict how severe a flu season is going to be is based on the quality of the vaccines that are made for it. The flu vaccines are made up of different strains that vary from year to year. Provost described these vaccines as a "crapshoot", working one year and not working the next. Though the swine flu epidemic has ceased, this year's vaccines will still contain the H1N1 virus.

Provost said how severe

the flu will be each year is based on the immunity that people now have to the H1N1 strain of flu virus. That doesn't mean we won't see more outbreaks in swine flu this year, but with the flu shots containing H1N1, outbreaks will be less common.

The Brown House doesn't just hand out the vaccines to students who are in need of them (with the exception being the swine flu shots last year), however many teachers were recently given vaccines through their insurance company at the Brown House.

"They just don't want to have to give out vaccines to all that think they need vaccines," Provost said. "The insurance company doesn't want to deal with the hassle."

Rather than give out vaccines, the Brown House does tests on the students such as the rapid Flu Test to check for the flu. They also will provide them with prescription drugs such as Tamiflu which is designed to treat some forms of the flu if they are

caught early.

One tip that Provost offered to help college students stay flu-free was to wash their hands constantly. She said hand sanitizers are a must in order to keep one's own health this flu season. In addition to hand washing, Provost stressed the importance of good nutrition and exercise in a college student's life as a preventative measure.

Sam Orfanidis, a sophomore at LSC, has also noticed that this year is not going to be as bad of a flu season compared to last.

"A lot less people are getting sick," Orfanidis said. "This time last year everybody in my dorm was getting sick, and this year only a few people seem to have caught the bug."

With this year's flu season in its early stages, it's hard to tell whether or not for sure if the flu is really going to affect our area the way it has in the past, but only time will tell.

Kleinhans to run for national position



Photo by Eric Wayne
John Kleinhans speaks at the scholarship award's on Thursday.

Madison Cox
Managing Editor

John Kleinhans has grown up surrounded by politics, and this year, he'll be trying his own hand at the national level.

"I want to be leading the force of taking back the White House," he said.

Kleinhans, who is serving his first year as Student Government Association president, will be announcing his candidacy for National Chairman of the College Republicans on Nov. 19 in New Orleans, La., which happens to be his 21 birthday as well.

"I've been pretty active on the national level," Kleinhans said. "Right now I'm the Northeast Chairman of the College Republicans. I represent Maine to Maryland. It's been an incredible experience."

The National Chairman position would take Kleinhans away from Lyndon State if he is elected, at least for the time being.

"It's a paid two-year term in Washington D.C. You're in charge of running the national group of College Republicans," he said. Some responsibilities of this position include fundraising money, running a field of operations program, and coordinating election efforts.

The campaign process will take Kleinhans across the country to every state, but he said he will be able to complete his term as president of

the SGA this year.

"The election is in June, so obviously I'll finish out my tenure as student government president," he said. "But past that, I eventually want to finish my degree at Lyndon. We have great leaders here. This is definitely the place for me."

Kleinhans is currently in his third year at Lyndon.

While this is his first year as president of the SGA, he was previously the secretary, and a former leader of the Lyndon State College Republicans. He has been involved in numerous campaign efforts, including auditor Tom Salmon, Mark Snelling, John McCain, and others. He has also interned for Tucker Carlson in Washington, D.C.

The National Convention, where the results of the election will be announced in Washington D.C., will take place in either June or July, Kleinhans said.

While a campaign across the country will take up much of Kleinhans' time, he is still focusing on what Lyndon students want and need through student government.

"The number one goal is to be as much of a voice of the students as possible," he said. This includes getting more students involved, continuing a green initiative, and to create strong student committees. He wants more student involvement on campus.

"There's a tremendous amount of ability to communicate," he said. "Your voice can literally be heard."

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A hunt like no other

Emilie Lariviere
Entertainment Editor

What may have been an ordinary day to most changed the life of one local individual.

Ian Young is a fourth generation Vermonter, and Lyndonville native. His hunting career started when he got his "hunters' safety license" at age 10; his first hunt was turkeys.

When Young was 16 he got his first deer and now that he is 18 he has shot his first moose. His father, Allen Young and uncle, Steve Young, went on this hunting excursion together this past Sunday. He got up around 5:30 a.m. and the group headed out to hunt around 6:45 a.m.

Moose season is very short and fairly new due to an overpopulation of the animal. The season only lasts six days and hunters are only allowed to go out that have received a permit for moose hunting. This permit is very difficult to obtain and Young will not be able to apply for another for three years since he received

one this year.

The Young family headed out to hunt in Newark 3 miles into the woods off of Route 114. After a while, Ian heard rustling in the trees and started to get slightly excited to see a cow (female moose) and a yearling walk past them. They continued to wait quietly in the woods and after a while heard some more rustling.

After a little waiting a bull moose came out of the woods but he could not get a good shot at it so he waited. The moose moved closer, getting curious and they still could not get a good shot at him because the moose was staring right at them. The moose started to turn to walk away as it probably got a scent of humans and Ian without waiting any longer shot him right in the left shoulder.

His father quickly stood up and shot at him too just to make sure it wouldn't suffer, but they later found out Ian's shot was lethal. The moose had only been 30-40 yards away when it was shot. The bull moose weighed 854 pounds.

"I was on cloud nine, and

my heart was beating outside of my head," said Ian. "I couldn't hear anything because of all the adrenaline." He also explained how it was a special moment between his father, uncle and himself. After he knew he had gotten the kill he called all of his friends and family right away to invite them to celebrate with him.

His father has been hunting with his son for years was also elated due to this accomplishment. "We were dancing on the mountaintop together. An experience like no other," explained the older Young.

Ian will be having the moose head stuffed and will get it back by the end of August; he is getting a 'cape style' moose head which is from the shoulders and up. At this time he is not sure where he will hang it.

His next hunt in the near future will be during youth season where he will take his younger brother and sister out with his father to help teach them how to hunt. Both of his younger siblings have been hunting before. Ian looks forward to this family experience that he can take part in.



Photos by: Cindi Bolletieri

Above: Ian Young shows off his trophy moose. He delivered a kill shot to the moose's left shoulder. Above Right: Ian stands next to his prize after hanging it to get a weight on the animal. The moose weighed 854 pounds. Right: Ian and his father, Allen hold the moose by the antlers before removing the animal from the woods last weekend. The Lyndonville native plans on stuffing the head and keeping it as a trophy.



LSC Hornets bash The Johnson Badgers 2-1



Lyndon scored two second-half goals Wednesday to rally past Johnson State by a score of 2-1.

Josh Manchester gave the Badgers a quick 1-0 lead at the 10:23 mark when he took a pass from Ryan Demars and deposited it into the left rear corner of the net behind Hornets' goalie Jason Gray. Johnson managed to maintain its slim lead into intermission despite being outshot 10-3 in the opening 45 minutes of play.

Lyndon knotted the score at 1-1 early in the second half when the rebound of a Kyle Mecham shot found its way to Ben Taylor, who was wide open to the left of the Johnson goal. Taylor ran onto the loose ball and drilled as shot into the far side of the net before Badgers' goalkeeper Ryan Belen could react.

Lyndon took the lead 15 minutes later as Patrice Lumumba took a clearing pass just over the midfield stripe and raced down the left side of the field. After eluding a Johnson defender, Lumumba got off a quick shot from about 20 meters out that found its way into the lower left corner of the net for the game-winner.

Gray made three saves for Lyndon to get the win and Belen turned aside a total of eight shots in the contest. The Hornets outshot the Badgers 22-11 in the game and held a 7-6 advantage in corner kicks.



Clockwise from top left. The team celebrates their first goal scored by Ben Taylor assisted by Kyle Mecham. Luke Haskell goes outside a JSC player on defense. Kyle Mecham jukes his way through midfield. Kyle Mecham recovers after being struck in the face, the penalty kick started the drive leading to the teams first goal. Tyler Bullard sends a ball up field. Matt Browne sends a ball to centerfield. Patrice Lumumba stretches around a defender to get the ball up front. Patrick Hilton clears a ball up field on defense. Photos by Kriston Hall.

Aspiring to fame: Before Nations

Ethan Mitchell
News Correspondent

'Before Nations' was formed in Colchester, Vermont in late 2007 as a Christian metal band. The original members included drummer Ross Lincoln, vocalist Jeremiah Bouchard, lead guitarist Jeremiah Bouchard, and rhythm guitarist Carlos Romero.

They recorded their first EP with "floating" bassist Kenny Irish in the summer of 2008 at West Street Digital in Fairfield, Vermont. The EP consisted of seven tracks including: "Nameless Anthem," "The Business of Spreading Secrets," and "Recklessly Endangered."

After recording the EP, Rogelio Zimbron became the band's official touring bassist. The band played multiple shows at local coffee houses and at venues such as 242 Main in Burlington and Ground Zero in New Hampshire. In approximately a year's time, they had shared the stage with such mentionable bands as Ballast, Rumors of Betrayal, and Twisted Legacy.

In December of 2009, 'Bunch' left the band to pursue opportunities in the music industry in California. The

news was devastating to the band. Now the band consisted of only three members and they were forced to cancel a show that they were scheduled to play at 'The Monkey in Winooski.' It was at the same show that was cancelled where Lincoln met Josh Marsh, a singer and songwriter from Winooski who replaced Bunch as the band's vocalist. The replacement was almost immediately after Bunch's departure.

They quickly began to record new material and it did not take long before they mastered and recorded two demos: "Remember Nothing" and "White Roses." "Josh transformed our sound to indie and we started writing much different music, but eventually we went back to our heavy roots," says Lincoln. They were happy with their new direction and the collaboration with Marsh, but his stay was short lived and he left the group because of personal reasons.

Struggling to keep Before Nations alive, the remaining members looked for vocalists high and low until Carlos Romero, formerly rhythm guitar and back-up vocalist, ultimately took over as the band's front man in the sum-

mer of 2010. As a three piece, they recorded "The Despair," which is currently available on MySpace.

Soon after a side project that Lincoln had been working on fell through, two members of that project made a decision to join Before Nations when guitarist Jeremiah enrolled at Lyndon State earlier this year. Rhythm guitarist Paul Patinella and bassist Matt Aurretta came on board as full time members of Before Nations. There was immediate chemistry within

the group: "Paul's singing brings a whole new element to the group and we're all excited to be creating some big new things," says Lincoln. "It takes stress off Carlos, so that he doesn't have to scream as well as sing throughout every song."

Matt, Paul, Jeremiah, and Ross currently attend Lyndon State College and Carlos recently graduated from Colchester High School. As of now, they are in the writing stages, and have been diligently working to complete five

songs that they hope to begin recording soon. "We plan to have at least five songs ready to play by November," says Lincoln. "Our next step is to reach out to some sort of clothing company and get endorsed, but we're really excited to finish the songs we've been working on and get out there and play."

Come November, Before Nations will be looking into touring, but they say their first few shows will more than likely be at private events.



Photo by: Meghan Mazzaro

Top left to right: Paul Patinella, and Matt Aurretta- bottom left to right: Jeremiah Bouchard, Carlos Romero, and Ross Lincoln all show their true style and personality while getting together for a group shot.

Fun on the ice

Lindsey Profenno
News Correspondent

If skiing and snowboarding aren't your activities of choice, there is plenty to do at the Fenton W. Chester Arena this winter.

LSC has a night when students can go ice skating for free at the arena, located across the street from Lyndon Institute.

"I'm 99 percent sure we are doing it again this year, it wouldn't be until next semester though and we have not decided on a date yet," said Dan Haycock, president of the Campus Activities Board.

Over the past couple of years the LSC hockey club has helped students learn how to skate during the free skate day.

"Everyone just skates around while we play music and help people who don't know how to skate," said Alex Daigle, an LSC hockey player.

Public skating times are Wednesdays 2:45-4:15 p.m., Saturdays 5:45-7:45 p.m., Sun-

days 12:30- 2:30 p.m., and additional times are located on the online website. The opening day is Oct. 20. The arena also offers skating lessons.

The rates for public ice skating is \$3 per person. The arena also offers skate rentals for \$3. It creates an activity for either \$3 dollars or \$6 dollars for two hours of fun.

The hockey team has home games at the arena, so you can always catch a hockey game and support the school.

"I have been ice skating all my life, I am not a pro but since the arena is near the school my boyfriend bought me new ice skates," said Whitney Coat, an LSC student, "The arena is always well-maintained and always a great time. I love that it is right down the hill, it gives my friends and I something fun to do that is easily accessible."

The Fenton W. Chester Arena opened in 1979. Since then, many positive and successful improvements have occurred.

National novel writing month

Adam Brothers
News Correspondent

November is the month for writers. Writers around the world dedicate the specific month of November to the creation of a novel (at least 50,000 words).

Regardless of quintessential quality, the focus of the endeavor is to expand quick, creative writing. In such a span of time as a month, the writer may reach levels of thinking unimaginable prior to embarking on such a literal journey. The experience demands fast paced thinking and reckless imagination in an all-out effort to create a novel worthy of positive review, socially, and personally. However, the undertaking of a novel is a wonderful challenge.

Brendon Nelson, Junior of English at Plymouth State

University embarked on writing a novel during the month of the previous November. "My neighbors and I all got together at the beginning of the month and started typing away furiously. Before we knew it we had hundreds and hundreds of pages between us...Whole lotta writing," he says. "Definitely a good way to feel out a writing style."

To interpret reality in the form of literature is to collect thoughts far more tangibly than thinking or speaking. The entire process may astound folks as to what the mind can create and translate into written words. That's much of the beauty; literature can be whatever you want! It holds so much opportunity for creativity that it's a shame not to document such thoughts.

If you ever watch a movie and think, I wish they did it

this way, this writing experience can be better! Writing is an exploration of the mind that affords the abilities to create a story of infinite proportions and imagination. It truly is an adventure.

In unison with acquiring writing skills, having goals in terms of pages tests organization, speed, and focus. A concept that some writers may have been doing their entire lives was formally recognized as National Novel Writing Month in America in 1999 by a handful of individuals in California. Today, hundreds of thousands of people write their quickly arranged thoughts around the entire world.

A computerized way of tracking the world's writing and your own, log on to NaNoWriMo.org. So join in and test yourself! It will change your life!

The forgotten album review

Justin Golschneider
Columnist



Album: Lifeforms
Artist: The Future
Sound of London
Year: 1994

Suggested by: Stefan Alter
Welcome to the Forgotten Album Review, where we take the music the world missed out on and bring it to the light! This week's album is 'Lifeforms' by The Future Sound of London, aka FSOL. Blending a wide variety of electronic genres, 'Lifeforms' challenges listeners to expand their idea of what music is and can be.

Music: FSOL rarely uses an instrument the way we think they're supposed to be used. There are no recognizable verses or choruses, little melody, and no true lyrics. Instead, they build soundscapes by adding and sub-

tracting different sounds. The sounds can be just about anything: birds, machinery, water, voices, sound effects, or whatever instrument came to their bizarre minds. In the rare event that something resembling a melody appears, they make sure to leave the listener off-balance with abnormal time signatures or interrupting sounds.

The only thing that's easy to understand is the percussion. The drumming is very skilled and can occasionally push the tracks into something that can be danced to. Even this is out of the ordinary though, with the type of beating often changing midway to something nonstandard. For example, eggshell, keeps its beat with the sound of a ticking clock.

Feel: The album is great for just sitting back and imagining things. Free of the

distraction of lyrics, they often achieve an alien beauty. Many tracks can also serve well as ambient noise.

All the same, I personally wouldn't leave the album on shuffle if I wasn't used to it. Some of the tracks sound genuinely creepy and would fit right in as background music for an apocalyptic horror movie. You might want to have it on hand this Halloween.

Variety: Most tracks avoid the mind-numbing repetitiveness that much electronic music suffers from. Their artful technique of adding and dropping different sounds manages to create a feeling of progression and change, rather than hanging stagnant on one beat. The massive range of sounds does a lot to spice things up.

However, the album is long, weighing in at 90 min-

utes, and even FSOL's imagination has limits. Although it's built as a continuous piece, with only one silent pause and the rest all flowing seamlessly together, I wouldn't recommend listening to it in one sitting. Also, in my opinion, they overused sci-fi noises and the album would have been better off without so many.

Final Word: If you take the time to understand it, listening to 'Lifeforms' will either fascinate you or drive you stark raving mad. In my book, that makes it an experience worth having. Thumbs up!

You can listen to FSOL on YouTube or buy the CD from their website, future-soundoflondon.com, though it'll probably give you a seizure.

Eating with Em

Emilie Lariviere
Entertainment Editor

Chef's Corner

The mountains already have snow caps on them, fall foliage is well over and winter is quickly approaching. Are you ready? I'm certainly not; even though I studied abroad in Switzerland I truly hate the cold! I love soups on a really cold day as they seem to just warm you up all the way through. One of my brother's favorite's is my "famous" 'cheesy broccoli soup', (it's really only famous in his head).

What's cooking in the kitchen?

Cheesy Broccoli Soup

1 head of broccoli, diced
1 white Onion, diced
1 package of Uncle Ben's cheese
broccoli rice
1 can of chicken or vegetable
stock
2lbs of chicken breast, diced (optional)
1, 8oz package of mozzarella
cheese
1, 8oz package of sharp cheddar
cheese
1, 8 oz package of Italian 3 cheese
blend
Seasonings
2-4 cups of milk

Instructions:

If including chicken sauté it in a frying pan and set aside. Sweat

onions (meaning cooks onions just till the juices start to come out and they are transparent. Add 1 cup of water, the broccoli, stock, rice package, and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium and cook for 7-10 minutes or until broccoli is soft. Then add the chicken, 2 cups of milk, cheese, salt and pepper, rosemary, parsley, and oregano. Bring to a simmer and then reduce heat to low and continue to cook until rice is tender and cheese is smooth. Soup broth should be smooth and creamy, slightly thick but not too thick. Add more milk depending on your desired thickness for the soup broth.

Nutritional Aspect

You may remember growing up having your mom try to get you to eat all your broccoli by telling you it's a good for you. Well your mother may have known best as broccoli is very good for us, it's low in saturated fat and very low in cholesterol. It has a high source of protein, calcium, iron and dietary fiber. Protein is what helps our muscles along with many other things work, if we didn't have protein our bodies would not be able to function. Broccoli has many other health benefits for us and more than likely can be found in every grocery store.

If you have any questions or recipes you want to submit you can email me at: Emily.lariviere@lyndon-state.edu.



What's Going on at LSC?

Sunday:

Intramural's Dodge Ball in Stannard gym at 3 p.m.

Tuesday:

LSC Career Services Presents: "Fastenal" Employment Rep in the student center, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Tuesday:

Saw 6 at 9 p.m. in ATT

Thursday:

Level 1 Eye Trip Ski Movie Premiere in ASAC 100 hosted by LSC Ski and Ride Club from 9-10:30 p.m.

Climbing Wall open Monday - Sunday 6-10 p.m.

Ladies Night on Wednesdays 6-10 p.m. at the climbing wall

Fun Horoscopes

Aquarius - January 20 - February 18

Follow your dream, but not too close because if it stops really quick, you might run into it.

Pisces - February 19 - March 20
Always note how close the nearest Children's Hospital is. It'll come in handy this week.

Aries - March 21 - April 19
Don't worry, you'll find the television remote soon.

Taurus - April 20 - May 20
THE karaoke choice for you this week: LFO - Summergirls

Gemini - May 21 - June 20
You don't want to know... it's just that bad.

Cancer - June 21 - July 22
You're too sexy for this horoscope, too sexy for this horoscope.

Leo - July 23 - August 22
An incompetent team member on a big group project will cause you a lot of extra work. Resist the urge to do nasty things to their coffee mug.

Virgo - August 23 - September 22
An old crush will come back and crush you some more.

Libra - September 23 - October 22
"No" means "no."

Scorpio - October 23 - November 21
You will oversleep at a critical point this week. Do your work in advance, because time isn't on your side.

Sagittarius - November 22 - December 21
A nervous tick in your leg in the airport bathroom will be seriously misinterpreted.

Capricorn - December 22 - January 19
You're about to get on an unbelievable hot streak at the video store. Everything you want to see will be in stock and everything you watch will be your

Catamount Movies

Mao's Last Dancer: October 22 - October 28

Last Train Home: October 22 - October 28

Free for LSC students



Lyndon State College Leadership Conference
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Women's tennis ends on a familiar note, lose to Castleton in finals, again

Nick Russo
Sports Editor

The 2010 Lyndon State women's tennis season drew to a close following a loss to Castleton in the North Atlantic Conference east division championship.

LSC fell by a score of 8-1 in the final match of the season vs. Castleton State College last Saturday, Oct. 16. With the loss, the season ended on a very similar note to last year, when LSC lost 9-0 in the finals at CSC. Lyndon's lone win in the championship this year came from sophomore Maria Parr, who defeated Marina Francy in fourth singles 7-6 (7-5), 6-0.

Lyndon shut out Johnson State at home 7-0 two days prior in the first round of the postseason, but the CSC Spartans proved too talented for the Hornets to defeat. Regardless, coach Susan Henry believes her team did not fare too badly.

"I truly believe if we played really great tennis we could have beaten Castleton," Henry said. "I don't feel like our score of 8-1 was really indicative of how close the matches were. I give our women credit for going out there and working hard for each point."

Senior Jenn Falsetti was named to the NEAC east division all-tournament team. Falsetti found herself earning

the honor this season despite taking a recent break from tennis.

"I took last season off to work on News 7 because I

was a little too late in the season for me to win a lot of my matches, especially being in the one seed, which is always really hard."

ing at the number three singles slot and in the number two doubles pair. For Flynn the transition to college level tennis has been smooth,

why I do it," said Flynn. "Doubles is good because you get to work with someone else and that keeps your spirit-its uplifted. The season's gone really well, definitely better than expected."

With the success of Flynn and fellow newcomers to the team, it appears the women's tennis program is on the right track.

"From my experience my first two years here, I was thrilled with the team this year," said Falsetti when comparing this team to previous ones.

"In the past we were short on players, we had people who couldn't even hit the ball but this year...there wasn't a huge difference between myself, the number one player, and our number six player," she said. "Everyone had spirit, everyone cared, it wasn't just something you rolled out of bed for. Everyone wanted to be there."

Coach Henry carried the same message, saying "I love my team." Looking ahead to next year, Henry says the addition of two new teams to the NAC will definitely shake up the conference. "The two new teams will make our conference stronger, Colby-Sawyer in particular is tougher than even Castleton," said Henry.



Photo by Bryan Barber

Freshman Kayla Flynn returns a serve in a match earlier in the season. Flynn was awarded NAC rookie of the week several times on the season.

didn't have enough time to play," she said. "I came back this year not playing for two years... but I did improve a lot in the second half of the season and I did get back to my old self. Unfortunately it

On the opposite end of the spectrum, freshman Kayla Flynn has burst onto the scene, winning NAC rookie of the week honors multiple times this season. Flynn has spent most of the season play-

though she says it does differ from high school.

"It's definitely much different. There's not as many people on the team for one thing. But it's still competitive and it's really fun, and that's

Don't let the cold stop you from climbing those mountains

Kriston Hall
Critic Staff

With the weather getting colder by the week it seems as though winter is just around the corner. Most people are packing up their hiking boots and digging their ice scrapers out of their car's trunk.

Like the ice scrapper for the car, hiking this time of year has its own set of tools, which are probably also buried in a trunk somewhere. The most important thing to remember about being outside in the cold is layers.

Layers of everything, socks, tops, and jackets. The benefit of layering is climate control. You need to start with a base layer of wool or synthetic material, never ever

cotton. Wool and synthetic fibers allow the sweat your body sheds during exercise to be away from your skin. This keeps you warm by keeping you dry.

On top of the base it's important to have a few layers of lighter clothing that are easy to remove and put in your pack. Capped with a water and wind resistant shell to keep the elements out and you're set to go. If you wear just one warm coat, you have very little control of the temperature it maintains. You can warm up, get hot and take it off, or open up vents and zippers, this will cool you too much and then your just plain cold. That repeating cycle is avoided entirely if you are able to remove a mid-

dle layer of clothing as you hike. This will also help when you reach the peak of your hike and your body temperature starts to drop again, you can just put that layer back on.

This is, in spite of the cold, my favorite season to hike. Even though it's cold and the days are short the scenery is breathtaking. A mountain between fall and winter seems almost naked. Trees devoid of leaves and the lack of animal activity add a sense of isolation that seems to almost quiet your thoughts. There's also that chance of crunching the first snow of the season under your boots, which makes the seasonal transition complete.

Women's rugby "rucks" for a reason

Kelleigh Duffy
News Correspondant

As October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, Lyndon State's Rugby Club is deciding to "ruck" for a reason.

The club will be holding a fundraiser at their lady's scrimmage on October 30th at 1:00 p.m. on the rugby field. The field will be painted pink in honor of those who are fighting breast cancer, in remission, and those we have sadly lost due to the ailment.

The club will also be selling T-Shirts on the field, and collecting any donations from their fans. All proceeds go to

Dana Farber Cancer Institution towards cancer research. Any donation, small or large, is a step closer to the cure!

If you want to donate and are unable to attend the game Saturday the 30th do not fear. The rugby club set up a donations website. The website donations will instantly go towards Dana Farber. The website link is: www.together4cures.org/mypage/ruckbreastcancer.

The fundraiser is the second of its kind on the campus this year. The women's volleyball team did a "dig" pink event a few weeks ago.

Men's basketball sets season's roster

Michael Howard
Critic Staff

After having an up and down year and tailing off at the end of last season, Lyndon State has a new beginning and new competitors.

In his third year of coaching, Joe Krupinski is extremely excited for the season with freshmen recruits and an addition to the coaching staff in assistant coach Denny Mortimer. The freshmen will bring speed and perimeter play while Mortimer will provide experience. He played at Lock Haven University in Pennsylvania and played on a professional minor league team.

The team is looking to improve all aspects of their game, especially their defense. "Last year we could easily shoot the ball and score big, but our defense needs to improve," said head coach Joe Krupinski. With the help of returning big men like O'Bee Byrd and Taylor Burke, LSC will have a big inside presence. Also included in down low presence is returning forward Jason Gray who was Lyndon's top rebounder, and in Krupinski's opinion, the top rebounder in the conference last season.

This season the Hornets

have a tough non-conference schedule, playing in the Naismith Hall of Fame Tip-Off Classic at the MassMutual Center in Springfield, Massachusetts. The tournament will feature division one teams. They will also go on the road and play at division one school Brown University. "These tough opponents will prepare us for our in conference schedule and we'll be able to see some great competition."

Their in-conference play will be equally as tough as last year as many teams, including Maine-Farmington and Husson, return most of their starters. Unlike last year, the Hornets will have fewer home games, but Krupinski is hoping that fans come out and support them at their many away games. New to the schedule this year will be special events such as giveaways and local schools coming to play.

"I enjoy interacting with the players and seeing them grow not only as players but also as people. I'm really excited to see what this year is going to bring for us," said Krupinski. The Hornet's first home game is against an international team, the University of Quebec-Montreal, on Thursday, Nov. 4.

Men's Basketball: Official Roster

Rob Alers
Taylor Burke
O'Bee Byrd
Logan Calkins
DJ Campbell
George Carle
Brendan Corriveau
Jose Fortunato

Jason Gray
Vaughn Johnson
Antonio Mena
Mike Norcross
Ben Sackett
DJ Santos
Pat Thomas
Phil Warrick

Women's soccer falls to Johnson

Ally Bataille scored two goals Thursday to lead the Johnson State women's soccer team to a 3-0 victory over Lyndon.

Bataille gave the Badgers a lead they would never relinquish at the 6:34 mark of the first half when she took a pass from teammate Samantha Cutting on the right side and fired a shot over Hornet goalkeeper Samantha Smith into the far corner of the net.

Johnson maintain its one-goal advantage into halftime and went up 2-0 on an Emily Hassard goal 1:35 into the second half. Hassard picked up a loose ball about 25 meters out from goal, fought off a challenge from a Lyndon defender and popped a shot past Smith into the left side of the net.

Bataille closed out the scoring in the game with 7:24 left to play by scoring off a scramble for the ball in front of the Lyndon net. Johnson goalie Jes Gertsch made four saves to record the shutout while Smith was called upon to make two saves. Lyndon outshot the Badgers 11-9 in the game and held a 5-3 advantage in corner kicks.

With the loss Lyndon was eliminated from postseason contention and their 2010 season is officially over.

Burke Mountain, a great place to ski and ride

Patrick Hilton
News Correspondant

Ski and snowboarding season is approaching fast, and what better way to enjoy it than traveling to Burke Mountain Ski Resort for some action and adventure?

Andrew O'Brien, a junior ski resort management major, is a snowboarder who regularly goes to Burke Mountain in the winter, and is also an employee of the mountain working in the terrain park.

"There are a lot of new features coming to the terrain park this year. Steve Mahon, the manager of the terrain park, will be creating some technical snow features with the Sno-Cat. Hopefully this year we will be incorporating an 'all-natural' park with everything made of wood. It is looking to be an excellent year at Burke Mountain."

Burke Mountain is located in the town of East Burke, Vermont, and is just miles outside the town of Lyndonville. According to its website, it has 45 trails and glades on over 250 skiable acres. The mountain is broken up into three different ski lev-

els. 25 percent of the mountain is for novice-level skiers, 45 percent is for intermediate skiers and 30 percent for expert skiers.

The mountain has a summit elevation of 3267 feet with a 2011 foot vertical drop. Burke Mountain's annual average snowfall is 217 inches. What Burke may lack in real snow they make up for by snowmaking, which covers 100 percent of the lower mountain and 80 percent of the upper mountain.

Burke also offers terrain for all different styles of skiing. This includes regular trails, glades, moguls, racing, terrain park, and a bunny hill for all the future Olympians. This makes Burke fun for the whole family. The older kids can go in the terrain park or to the upper part of the mountain, while the parents and smaller children can stay on the lower part.

Luke Haskell, a junior mountain recreation major at Lyndon State College, said he was excited about the upcoming winter.

"Burke Mountain has a lot to offer. It is a very diverse mountain," he said. "It is a

great family mountain and has a great terrain park, woods skiing, and groomed trails. It is a fun place to be in the winter."

Although Haskell was excited to hit the slopes again, he did mention a concern about a new lift that Burke needed. The lift from mid-Burke to the top of the mountain is very old and slow, and is the topic of concern for many who ski the mountain regularly. Burke Mountain has planned to put in a new lift but this plan has been pushed back.

Along with the downhill skiing, Burke Mountain also offers the Kingdom Trails in the summer to runners and mountain bike enthusiasts. The Kingdom Trails are claimed by many to be the best mountain bike trails in the USA. In the winter, Burke Mountain offers cross-country ski trails, which are used by the mountain, local high schools, and the public.

For more information about Burke, visit skiburke.com or call (802) 626-7300.

NAC men's soccer standings

1. Castleton 7-0 (12-5)
2. Maine-Farmington 4-1-1 (7-4-4)
3. Thomas 4-2 (8-5-2)
4. Lyndon State 4-2-1 (9-3-3)
5. Husson 2-4 (3-12)
6. Maine Maritime 1-4-1 (5-7-2)
7. Johnson State 1-4-1 (2-8-3)
8. Green Mountain 0-6 (1-12-1)

Overall record
in (parenthesis)

NAC women's soccer standings

1. Castleton 6-0-1 (14-2-1)
2. Maine-Farmington 5-1 (8-7-1)
3. Husson 4-1-1 (11-5-1)
4. Green Mountain 2-3-1 (4-8-2)
5. Johnson State 2-4 (7-6)
6. Thomas 2-4 (6-9)
7. Maine Maritime 1-4-1 (4-8-2)
8. Lyndon State 1-6 (5-10-1)



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Dennis Steele wants to liberate your state

Joseph Peters
News Correspondent

Vermonters should control their own destiny.

That's the main idea behind Dennis Steele's independent campaign for governor. Steele believes that Brian Dubie and Peter Shumlin, the major-party candidates, are focused on the wrong issues.

"The problem is the federal government," said Steele. "What we need to do is cut the federal government out."

Steele's candidacy is based on liberating Vermont from the rest of the United States. While he's listed on the ballot as a independent, he is closely tied to the Second Vermont Republic.

The Second Vermont Republic's home page describes them as a nonviolent citizen's group "opposed to the tyranny of Corporate America and the U.S. government, and committed to the peaceful return of Vermont to its status as an independent republic."

Steele describes an independent republic of Vermont as his vision.

"If the power lies at the local level," Steele said, "it's more difficult to corrupt it as a whole. When it's centralized, it's easy to corrupt, because you only need to deal

with a few people to change everything for everybody. In the decentralized form of government, with the power lying all across different regions, it's impossible to do that, because if someone starts to be corrupt you can go up to their face and grab 'em by the collar and say, 'What are you doing?'"

Steele is a native Vermonter, and his heritage contains Abenaki Indian roots. He currently lives in Kirby, located a half hour from Lyndonville. He owns multiple web sites, including Radio Free Vermont, an online radio station that promotes Vermont-based artists.

"In St. Johnsbury," Steele said, "when I was growing up, we had East St. Johnsbury School, we had Portland Street School, and Summer Street School. All of those were good schools, local in the neighborhood, where kids could walk to school."

A major pillar of Steele's plan centers on education. He intends to push for locally funded, locally owned schools that are free of government influence. He also indicated that community members should have some involvement in the curriculum at their local school.

Steele also wants Vermonters to be able to make their

own decisions about health care. He is skeptical of the federal government's refusal to issue Obamacare waivers until 2017.

"If the people want single-payer health care, let's just do it," Steele said. "Shumlin said he's going to get waivers from the federal government. Well, good luck trying to get waivers from the federal government."

Steele's passion for liberation is rooted in a desire for Vermont freedom. His argument is that we've become too dependent on federal money, and federal interests have taken priority over Vermont interests.

"We need a governor in place who's willing to take a look at every federal dollar coming into Vermont," Steele said. "And saying, 'Is there a way, instead of taking this money from the federal government, can we figure out a way to solve our problems locally, our own way of solving our problems?' And then, once we figure out a way to do that, we would take that money and send it back to the federal government with a note attached to it, and bring home the Vermont National Guard."

Most of his solutions to current Vermont problems are centered around the liberation

of Vermont from the U.S., citing the federal government's "trillion-dollar foreign policy" as one of the biggest burdens facing average Vermonters.

"Vermont's pro-rated share of that is \$2 billion," Steele said. "That \$2 billion could be used to reserve some of our programs, do what we have to do back in Vermont. Until we deal with that issue, we're gonna have a problem."

Steele has found it difficult to be heard among the voices in the Vermont gubernatorial race, especially in the press.

"The press is one of the biggest obstacles to freedom," Steele said. "I met all the obligations to be on the ballot. I followed the rules and laws of Vermont. How come we're not giving people time in the press?"

He cites the Burlington Free Press and Vermont Public Radio as "the worst." He also strongly criticized the way independent candidates were segregated from the main Dubie/Shumlin debate.

"I'm crashing the debates," Steele said. "The debates I haven't gotten into, I stand out front, put my signs out and hand out cards as people come into the debate. A lot of people don't even know, like, 'What do you mean you weren't included?"

Everybody's supposed to be included.'"

It's difficult to argue that Steele should be included in the process, however, given the way third party candidates have fared in elections. Most people blame Ralph Nader's involvement in the 2000 presidential election for Al Gore's loss of the race, and Steele feels similar Democratic fears are hurting him in this election.

"My odds are difficult," Steele said. "A lot of people from the left are afraid that Dubie's gonna get elected, so they're afraid to vote for me, even though they agree with a lot of the things I talk about."

Aside from Steele, the Second Vermont Republic has several candidates in other elections, and Steele hopes that the party's message lives on well past Nov. 2.

"My job in this movement is to clear the path," Steele said. "I'm clearing the path and cutting the brush and taking the path less traveled for the people behind me. It's like, 'Listen, we can do this.' I'll just go as far as I can go, and people will be like, 'Wow, this guy's an open secessionist and he got that far? I'm gonna give that a try. Maybe I can get a little bit further.'"



Photo by Eric Wayne

The annual scholarship ceremony at LSC was held on Thursday in ASAC 100. Students received certificates for their hard work and dedication to community involvement. In the above photo, senior graphic design major Lauren Turmel receives a certificate for the Portner Prize from Pat Webster.

New Paranormal club searches for ghostly activity at LSC

Madison Cox
Managing Editor

If there's something eerie on Lyndon's campus, the newly formed Paranormal Club will soon be on the case.

"Essentially, the goal of the club is to go to places on campus and in the area to find paranormal activity," club adviser Erin Rossetti said.

There are currently between seven and eight regular members, according to Rossetti, with the hopes of gaining more through the club's events. Some of these include a regular showing of ghostly television shows, as well as traveling around campus and in the local area for signs of activity.

President of the club is freshman graphic design student Montana Marshia.

"I've always loved re-

searching the paranormal," she said. "I figured I'd bring it into reality."

Marshia and her fellow paranormal-seekers will be exploring different areas on and around campus suspected of ghostly activity. These places include the University of Vermont, Emily's Bridge in Stowe, the Vail museum, and the Crevecoeur residence hall.

"Some members have experienced phenomena there," Marshia said of Crevecoeur's suspected haunting.

According to Rossetti, the club members have ideas for Halloween-themed fundraisers, and are participating in a haunted house with the local fire department as well.

The club hopes to become an officially recognized club on campus during the next Student Government Association meeting.

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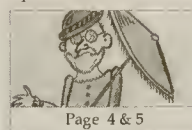
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Shadrock forced to exit SGA

Madi Cox
Managing Editor

Administrative vice president of the SGA Chris Shadrock has been impeached after calling a student a "fag" on Facebook.

The impeachment was on the grounds of discrimination and happened at this week's SGA meeting. A petition was circulated around campus by SGA president John Kleinhans and Vice President of Campus Activities Board for the SGA Sean Siciliano, and gathered over 10 percent of the population of the student body asking for impeachment.

Shadrock posted the comment about Justin Chenette on Facebook on Sept. 24. It said, "what woah...little fag boy upset when he talks so much trash it comes back to bite him."

"I represent the student body here at Lyndon State College," Kleinhans said before Wednesday night's meeting, "and I would never call a student a derogatory term to insult them under sexual orientation. I don't find that appropriate."

Vice president of SGA Rachel Keller agreed.

"I signed it," she said of the petition. "Even though I didn't spearhead the proposal, I am in support of the impeachment."

"I'm Justin Chenette, and I am no fag," Chenette said at Wednesday night's meeting. "Does that word make you feel uncomfortable? Well, it should because it's socially unacceptable."

"Some say it's free speech, I call it hate speech. That is not free speech. You do not have the right to call me a fag. No. Shame on you, Chris Shadrock. What happened if I had committed suicide because somebody harassed me? What kind of shockwaves would that send in this academic community of 1400 plus students? That's deep-rooted hatred down

somewhere. You don't use that word unless you mean it."

"I've been called terrible things before. I've been called a faggot, I've been called a nigger. I've been called all that stuff. It really, really sucks, but you need to brush it off," Lyndon Strikers representative Ethan Fontneau said.

Chenette responded to Fontneau's comment, saying that it was not about his own personal experiences with discrimination, but about sending a message and precedent to the student body.

Shadrock believed that there was more to the petition than the discrimination issue, saying that Kleinhans and Keller did not trust him.

"I was the source of a million leaks [according to Kleinhans and Keller]. They couldn't trust me with anything privileged or sensitive. The gist of it was I have a big mouth," he said before the meeting. "We've definitely had our issues, no doubt. Especially me, John, and Rachel. We have three very strong personalities."

Kleinhans, however, said the petition was based solely on the comments Shadrock made on Facebook.

"Regardless of past factors, this is on the grounds of discrimination," he said.

Kleinhans said he was concerned that the remarks could have had stronger implication in a different scenario.

"Seeing what has happened in this country over the past four weeks with seven students taking their own lives, I realized that what Chris had said, if someone did not have as much confidence as the person it was said about did, we could have had that happen here at Lyndon State College," he said.

Shadrock, who made a public apology at the SGA meeting after his comment on Facebook, believed that the situation had ended in Sept.

"I'm a really big fan of forgiveness. When I went to church this afternoon and was talking to my priest about it that was the common thing was don't dwell on this. I carry that throughout life. To me, it's about forgiveness," he said, adding, "In a situation like this, I feel like I've said all I can say. I made a stupid comment. I've apologized for it."

Despite hoping for forgiveness from the student body, over 160 students signed the petition seeking impeachment. Because of this, it was brought before the SGA to be voted on by the representatives.

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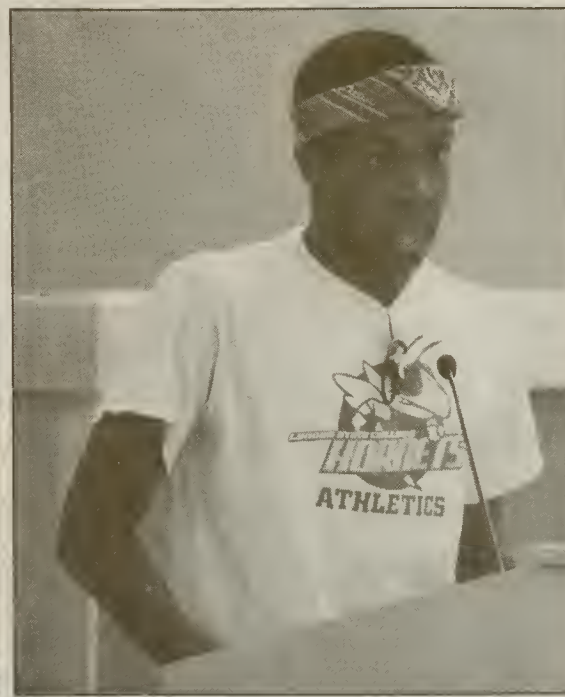


Chris Shadrock listens to student comments.

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John Kleinhans prepares to speak.

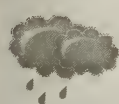


Ethan Fontneau voices his opinion.

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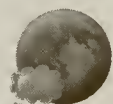
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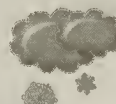
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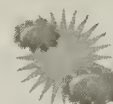
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Hornet design contest to have cash prize

Aimee Lawton
News Editor

The recent request that Lyndon change its hornet logo is providing students with an opportunity to decide what the new logo will look like and compete for some extra cash.

A design contest will be held, giving students an opportunity to redesign the hornet sports logo. The contest is open to current Lyndon Stu-

dents only, and a cash prize of \$500 will be awarded to the winner whose logo design is chosen.

Keith Chamberlin, director of communications and marketing said via e-mail that any students who wants to participate in the contest must attend one of two briefing sessions being held with himself and Athletic Director Chris Ummer.

"We want this design experience to be as realistic as

possible for the students participating," Chamberlin said. "In the so-called real world you wouldn't embark on an assignment like this without a serious discussion with the client. This is what we're aiming for during the briefing sessions."

All of the contest information that participants will need will be explained to them during the briefing sessions.

Barclay Tucker, associate

professor of visual arts added that the announcement of the official start date for the contest will be coming soon, and the due date for designs is anticipated to be the first week of December.

The briefing sessions will be held on Wed, Nov. 10 at 1:30 p.m. and Thurs, Nov. 11 at 12:30 p.m. They will take place in Vail 226, which is the student lounge just north of the snack bar.



Shadrock forced to exit SGA

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At that meeting, multiple representatives and student body members spoke out either in support of Shadrock, or impeachment.

"It's 2010, and this is America," LSC student Shera Howe said. "Would you want the president of the United States calling Sarah Palin a bitch on T.V. because he doesn't agree with her topics? Or would you like McCain to call pres. Obama the n-word? Despite the right that we do have to say these things, the point is that we shouldn't. Take a step back and look at yourself. Look at the example you're setting for others."

Not all students agreed or were in favor of the impeachment, however.

"I think this is complete bullshit," said Kevin Kelly, the leadership recognition club rep, voicing his support for Shadrock.

"How is it okay for Mr. Kleinhans to post that his favorite thing about this week leading up to Election Day is quote 'destroying liberals'? Political orientation, like sex-

ual orientation, is about personal choice," Chapin said. "I ask that if you're questioning Mr. Shadrock's ability as a leader, maybe we should look at yours [Kleinhans] as well."

These comments sparked a debate with both Kleinhans and Keller, saying it was a personal attack and was irrelevant. Kleinhans also pointed out that because political affiliation is not listed in the constitution as a type of discrimination, Chapin's argument was invalid.

Some students urged Chennette and others to move past what was said.

"I'm a member of the student body. The SGA is representing me, and I do not support the impeachment," Heidi Moore said. "As mature adults, we need to learn to get over what things are said to us. Honestly, let's grow up a little."

As student after student spoke at the podium to express his or her views on the matter, Shadrock stood and listened. He then had another chance to speak.

"I just ask for forgive-

ness," he said. "I am terribly sorry. I made a mistake. As a Catholic and a person in general, I know we are flawed. Nobody is perfect."

During the first vote of impeachment, the SGA did not reach a 2/3 majority, so it failed. Because of this, the representatives then voted again for censure, which would include a statement from the executive board members and a reprimand would be put forth. However, after this failed, the representatives voted again for impeachment, which passed.

As the meeting came to a close, Kleinhans addressed Shadrock.

"Chris, you've been a tremendous resource to me," he said.

Because Shadrock was impeached, the administrative vice president seat is now open and needs to be filled. Dave Daly and Katee Ingram, who are both currently club representatives, have expressed interest in the seat and have started to fill out petitions. Elections will be held on Wed., Thurs., and Fri.

New Christian club forms, 2 join elected representatives

Madi Cox
Managing Editor

Although the impeachment proceedings took up much of the evening, the third year elected representative seats were filled during this week's Student Government Association meeting.

Dan Carboneau and Adam Norton both accepted the seats, winning over Emily Buckley, who was also nominated.

"He'll be a huge benefit to our SGA for sure," Dave Johnson of the Lyndon State ski and ride club said of Norton, a newcomer to the SGA.

Dan Carboneau has been involved with SGA in past years as a representative for the rugby club.

The High Society also requested a name and constitution change. The club will now be known as the Lyndon State ski and ride club (LSS&R), and its adviser will be switched from John Deleo to Jamie Struck. The purpose of the name change is to attract more skiers to the club.

Representative of the club Dave Johnson also took a mo-

ment to apologize for leaving the last meeting angrily when the club could not change its name or constitution, and was denied money for its boxes.

"I want to start by apologizing for my actions last week. It shouldn't have happened. I was frustrated. I was kind of confused by the process," he said.

The club also showed a video of its most recent rail jam that was held on the LSC campus, as well as a presentation of the club's purpose and goals.

The Lyndon State Christian Outreach club became officially recognized by the SGA as well. The club currently has between eight and ten active members who participate in Bible studies, and hope to begin volunteer work soon.

A representative from the New York Times spoke about the readership program that many colleges use throughout the country to get the newspaper to students at a reduced rate. The colleges only pay for the newspapers that are picked up by students at access points throughout campus.

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LSC clubs appeal to the politically active

Erin Milne

News Correspondent

Students looking to get involved in political or social organizations now have several options on campus.

The newest political club is the Lyndon State College Democrats.

The club is currently being put together by Dave Daly, Nora Barney, and First Year Experience Director Donna Keely, who will act as the club's adviser. The club held its first meeting on Oct. 19.

Daly said he feels that, since LSC already has a Republican club, it would make sense for the school to have a Democrat club, and he said that an election season would be a good time to start one.

The club intends to "get out the vote" as well as bring speakers to campus, Daly

said. He added that the club would also like to educate students about both Democratic and Republican candidates.

The Lyndon State College Democrats is currently registered with the Young Democrats of America, Daly said. He added that the club is now seeking to assemble an executive board and gain SGA recognition.

At the other end of the political spectrum is College Republicans.

College Republicans aims not only to inform the LSC community about conservative views, but more importantly to inform people about the importance of voting, the club's president, Brett Rubinate, said.

"We just happen to be Republicans, but we just want people to vote," Rubinate

said.

College Republicans has brought several Republican candidates to speak at LSC this semester, including Vermont State Auditor Tom Salmon and U.S. House candidate Paul Beaudry. The events were well attended, Rubinate said, with the exception of an appearance by Aaron Toscano, a little known candidate for Vermont Attorney General.

College Republicans began in the spring of 2009, Rubinate said, adding that interest in the club was high at first but later dwindled.

Rubinate said he wants to make the club more sustainable, since it currently has only seven or eight members. He added that the club is considering changing its name to something that will draw people of differing political

views.

Students for Social Justice seeks to get students involved in community action. Club president Joseph Pasquance said that though many of the members are Democrats, the club focuses on social issues rather than political ideology.

One of the club's roles is to hold fundraisers for community organizations, Pasquance said. Students for Social Justice held an art show earlier this semester to benefit a local animal shelter, and the club participated in a fundraiser for Northeast Kingdom Youth Services.

Pasquance said that at least one club member will participate in a walk to benefit NEKYS. He added that Students for Social Justice also publishes a bi-weekly newsletter, called Action Magazine, which focuses on so-

cial, political, and environmental issues. The club also has a blog, which contains articles from most issues of Action Magazine, Abbey Heimlich, editor of Action Magazine, said. The blog can be found at

lscclubaction.wordpress.com. Adam Norton, vice president of Students for Social Justice, is currently working to bring progressive candidates to campus, Heimlich said.

Pasquance said that Students for Social Justice has been in existence for a little less than a year and was formerly known as Club Action. He added that a few members of the now inactive club, Students for Global Change, joined the club over the summer, and the decision was made to change the name to Students for Social Justice.

Changes in spring schedule affect students

Justin Chenette

Critic Staff

Confusion set in amongst some members of the student body this past week after constant unexplained changes were made to the spring schedules.

After printing anywhere between 400 and 500 course schedule packets, the registrar's office issued a retraction due to changes made by several departments. Those changes had to do with conflicting course days and

times.

"The departments set the schedule, all I do is compile it," says Assistant Academic Dean Debra Hale. "I'm not sure where the confusion is. Honestly every semester those (packets) are out of date within a day or two of being printed."

After noticing the increased amount of changes that would have to be made on a regular basis, the Registrar's office slowed down the printing process in order to keep students from seeing

information that wasn't correct.

During the reprinting students were unable to look up course schedules on the on-line portal because a PDF of the entire schedule wasn't posted. Web services did however, allow students to search for individual courses or choose to type in for courses between certain times of the day.

"The person who puts things on the web for us is on vacation," Hale said.

Some students may have

a more updated copy of the class schedule if they picked one up recently. According to Hale, the printed versions have stabilized and are now up to date.

In order to correct the problem two solutions are being discussed: a mass production of schedules placed in each student's mailbox or a PDF copy sent to each student via email.

"We are trying to save some money and paper and I wouldn't want to reprint 1500 copies if changes

needed to be made, but (the PDF email) might be conceivable in the future," says Hale.

Even with the confusion and frustrations felt by some students, Hale says she is committed to the students.

"It may not look like it but I'm trying to look out for the best interests of the students," says Hale.

Defiance in the freshman residence halls

Samantha Knight

News Correspondent

All buildings on campus have discipline issues, but the freshman residence halls have had the most documented incidents.

"First year students are growing, learning, and maturing when they enter college and because of this they tend to get into trouble more often," said Erin Rossetti, director of residential life. "First year buildings histori-

cally have more conduct issues than other residence halls."

Due to this problem, the staff in those buildings are trained a certain way. The skills that they are taught help target the problems that many may face.

"The staff of those buildings are specifically trained in working with first year students and understanding their unique needs," Rossetti said. "They also are intentional in the

programming that they offer for first year students."

Many students will have problems their freshman year, but these problems will not carry over to the rest of their years at college. They need the first year to learn the different boundaries that Lyndon State has to offer before they start to mature.

"First year buildings have more judicial issues than others because first year students are generally

learning what it is like to be in college for the first time," Rossetti said. "They may be trying things that they haven't tried before, are pushing the boundaries as to what is acceptable and what isn't and are finding ways to fit in with groups and make their place in a niche at Lyndon. From that point, they hopefully learn from their incidents and in general, recidivism is lower beyond the first year."

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Joe Benning is the man for Caledonia-Orange

To the Editor:

The Caledonia-Orange District is fortunate to have many qualified candidates who seek our support. On November 2, all eligible voters should make their way to the polls and cast their ballots based upon what we know about these candidates.

One candidate stands above the others in the race for the Caledonia-Orange Senate seat. This person is Joe Benning. I first got to know Joe when our children were growing up together. Years of coaching Little League, involvement in the Lyndonville Rotary Club, and numerous community activities provide a basis for my comments.

One day in the late 1980's, Joe and I took a canoe trip down the Passumpsic River. We were saddened by the refuse we saw along the way.

Joe presented the condition of the river to members of the Lyndonville Rotary Club. Under his leadership, the club undertook a massive effort to clean up the river over the next few years. He coordinated efforts with the land owners and municipal leaders, secured heavy equipment and cranes, and expanded our work crew by recruiting volunteers from Lyndon State College and the Department of Corrections. By our second year, Joe had become a certified scuba diver, knowing that the continued work would require the removal of underwater obstructions. These efforts resulted in the removal of thirty-four tons of metal car parts, three thousand pounds of trash and over five hundred tires. The river is a much nicer place for families as a result of his vision and work ethic.

For the past twenty-five years, I have worked with members of the Vermont legislature as a part of the Green Mountain Boys' State Program. The program develops the leadership skills of high school seniors within the Vermont legislative process. We called upon Joe to teach the judicial component of our program. Without reservation, Joe set aside time from his personal schedule to spend the week working with our delegates.

These are serious times. We need a person of character, determination and spirited leadership representing the Caledonia-Orange District in Montpelier. Please join me and many others in supporting Joe Benning for State Senate on November 2nd.

Sincerely,
Dave Cobb

Vote for Benning on election day

To the Editor:

In my opinion we should be voting for Joe Benning when voting for the State Senate on November 2nd. For better than fifteen years I have had the privilege of getting to know and spending a great deal of time with Joe. We first met during jury selection for a trial he was representing. We knew that we were neighbors, but the only connection we had was waving to each other in passing on our motorcycles. These two factors lead to us becoming close friends. I have witnessed first hand Joe's passion for motorcycling and how he is able to use this passion to interact with people from many walks of life. For example, as one of

the original founders of a motorcycle rights group, Freedom of the Road, he helped create The Toys for Tots motorcycle ride. This ride involves collecting toys and delivering them to the Vermont State House via motorcycles, which are then donated to the Shiner's Children's Hospital. Every August, Joe can still be seen at the front of that large pack. Joe also led an effort of motorcyclists in bringing children's toys and furniture to Court Houses in the Northeast Kingdom to help make the litigation process easier for children.

Joe is no stranger to leadership with his 27-year membership of the Vermont Bar Association. He has also

served our community as president for the Lyndonville Rotary Club and Lyndon State College Foundation, as well as chair for the last three years of the Vermont Human Rights Commission. He was also a member of Caledonia Task Force on Domestic Violence, Lyndon Town School Board, and Northeast Kingdom Youth Services Board.

In my opinion Joe's ideas and leadership experience would represent us very well in the State Senate. I believe he would work effectively with all members, regardless of party lines.

Yours truly,
Don Vance
Lyndonville, Vermont



Drawing by Adam Whittier

Lean on me

To the Editor:

I would like to address the students of Lyndon State, I would like to thank you all.

This is my senior year, and while Wednesday's vote did not go in the way I had hoped, that is ok; I have had the pleasure of serving the college in various capacities over the years, and none has made me more proud than my time as an Elected Representative and for a brief time as your Administrative Vice President. It has been a great ride, and while I am no longer

in the SGA, please feel free to use me as a resource. I will still work hard to make sure your questions are answered and your problems are solved. With or without a title, the desire to serve others in meaningful ways does not diminish. I love this college, the opportunities afforded to me, and I thank you for the memories.

Thanks,

Chris Shadrock
Reporter News 7
Administrative Vice President

LSC & SGA: hate free

To the Editor:

We write to you today to discuss the recent impeachment of former Administrative Vice President, Chris Shadrock. In Wednesday's Student Government meeting, a petition was presented, signed by over 10% of the student body, to call for impeachment on the basis of a derogatory term used by Mr. Shadrock against another student, a direct violation of the SGA Constitution. We stand by the decision made by 2/3 of the Student Government Association and welcome any and all student feedback. We would also like to thank all the non-SGA members who took time to come to the meeting this week to give input on

this decision. Based on the discussion, anyone present at that meeting knew this was a difficult and complex issue, and as we move forward, we encourage students to stay active, involved, and heard in the SGA.

In closing, the Student Government Association stands by its pledge to be a hate-free community, as outlined in our constitution and the Lyndon State College Promise.

Sincerely,

John Kleinhans, President, SGA
Rachel Keller, Vice President, SGA

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Stop being a journalist?

Sam Monroe
Critic Editor

I am ashamed.

Not of myself, but to be associated with the coward who slipped an unsigned note under the door of The Critic's office this week.

This letter, if you can call it that, told me that I should be ashamed of myself, because the reporting that my staff and I have done this year is going to cost the school a great deal.

"You should be more of a student and less of a journalist," the letter read. Really I should? I should stop being a journalist? So college is supposed to teach me how to be a student? So I am not supposed to learn how to be a journalist while I am in college studying to be journalist? Okay, so for the rest of my life I will just be a student, you want to pay for it?

The note also told me that contacting Georgia Tech to "start a controversy," is not journalism. Well let me make this clear: Aimee Lawton did not contact Georgia Tech in order to start controversy; she contacted them to ask a ques-

tion related to her story. She had no intention of this going where it has gone. However, you can not blame her or any of The Critic staff for this problem, it is not our fault that the logo is copyrighted and by using the hornet Lyndon State is in violation of copy right laws.

Now to my favorite part of the letter.

"What the faculty does is no concern of yours," it read. Really? The letter told me that all colleges have problems like the ones that Lyndon has recently experienced and that all colleges disagree with their presidents. However, that information doesn't get out because "their student newspaper is respectful and does not blow stories out of proportion or sell stories to local newspapers."

Wow. I can't speak about other colleges, because I have never attended another college and as far as I know this person may have never worked at another paper either. What I have done this year is report the news. News is not always fun and peachy. By definition news is stuff that doesn't happen often.

And last time I checked the Faculty Assembly voting to have the president investigated doesn't happen often.

Anyway, to tell me that what the faculty does is no concern of mine or any other student. Really? So I don't pay tuition? Last time I checked my tuition helps pay the salary of the faculty. So I am sorry, but everything the faculty does is my business.

Oh and last time I checked, if it weren't for students like me every faculty member here would be out a job, this school is here for the students. Start acting like it.

I don't know who you are that wrote this letter, but I encourage you to come find me. It sounds like you have some ideas and I would like to hear them and know where they are coming from. I don't know if the author of this letter is a student, faculty member, staff member or maybe even a member of the administration, but I do know that you should grow up and stand up for what you believe in. Put your name on your opinions.

Tripping on everyone's rights

To the Editor:

I read with interest of Lyndon's legal travails. Georgia Tech is suing us over the use of our Hornet mascot, which does look very similar to their Yellow Jacket mascot (with both tracing their heritage back to the machine gun toting "fighting Seabee" of World War II). And then there's Landmark College complaining that our stylized pastel mountain and sunrise logo looks too much like theirs! We seem to be tripping over everyone's proprietary rights.

One can easily imagine this news item of the near future, as reported in the Caledonian-Record:

Johnson State College sues Lyndon State College

over use of "State College."

JSC President Barbara Murphy confirmed today that her college is suing Lyndon over its use of the term "State College" in their advertising. "Clearly, Lyndon is trying to trick innocent young people into believing that they are Johnson State College. They're even trying to capitalize on the fact that we share our 36th President's name! They have not listened to our repeated requests to cease and desist," complained Murphy, "so we're 'going legal!'"

LSC President Carol Moore was unavailable for comment, but in response to a self-initiated request to respond, Dr. Alexandre Stokanov, one of Lyndon's most popular professors ever, was vehement in refuting the allegation. "They're nothing

like us! They're just a bunch of hypocrites who don't want to work! Besides, I don't even teach there!" Dr. Stokanov then offered to teach there in his spare time.

VSC legal counsel William Reedy was reluctant to comment on the specifics of the case, but did suggest that the Vermont State Colleges would "never settle out of court" and would "appeal on principle any court ruling, no matter who wins."

(Note: Correction - Lyndon Baynes Johnson was actually the 36th or 37th President of the United States.)

Sincerely,
Timothy Miles Sturm, Ph. D.
Professor of Education and Special Education

Thank you SGA

Justin Chenette
Critic Staff

Over the past 6 months I have been one of the staunchest advocates against certain aspects of the SGA.

From battling executive compensation to pushing for election reform, the list goes on and on of the many issues facing campus. With this newfound spotlight came newfound attacks on me both personally and professionally.

The tipping point for me was when an Executive Board member used the word "fag" to describe me on Facebook. While I was initially upset, I did not stoop down to his level of derogatory behaviors. I did not originally push for impeachment. In fact I was not even the one who started the petition though I signed it with pride. I instead decided to use the situation as a catalyst to promote social awareness on campus by discussing the need for tolerance and acceptance.

At this past week's very controversial SGA meeting, it was the first time I felt truly represented. I finally felt like an issue that a member of the student body put forth was not only listened to but also was publically debated and dealt with.

I was however very disheartened to hear fellow peers defending the use of derogatory statements and validating it with failed logic such as "it's just words." If it's just words why is it so socially unacceptable to use

such language in public? And tell that to the 7 gay teens who committed suicide over harassment and bullying. People need to understand the difference between free speech and hate speech.

For those of you who think it's okay to call an African American the "N" word or a woman the "C" word or a gay man the "F" word; just try going around campus and use it in your everyday vocabulary. Don't just post on Facebook that it's okay to use words like that. Your actions speak louder than your writing. I bet you anything the response would be overwhelmingly negative as well it should be.

After both sides delivered speeches, the decision to impeach was the right one to make even though the vote was a lot closer than I would have liked. This now will set the precedent for any future violations of the SGA Constitution and send a clear message to the student body that this sort of behavior is not acceptable and consequences will ensue.

I look forward to serving the student body as Vice President of Communications and as a member of the Campus Climate Committee working to create a positive environment for all students.

A special election will be held to fill the position Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of this coming week.

Thank you to the SGA for supporting what is right over what is easy.

Calling LSC leaders

Dear Faculty, Staff, and Students:

Though it may be difficult to avoid the signs, emails, and the constant reminders, the Leadership Conference is this weekend! We all help make Lyndon State College what it is today, so come support your peers, students, and teachers. GET INVOLVED and help show what LSC is really about. Show up at 8:30 AM on Saturday in ASAC 100, choose three workshops of your choice, see our Keynote Speaker, Brent Scarpo speak, enjoy free food, free giveaways and good company.

Johanna Trottier
Senior Human Services Major

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LSC men's soccer to battle Spartans



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Dustin Ameden makes a move in the playoff game on Tuesday.

Nick Russo
Sports Editor

The Lyndon State College men's soccer team is on its way to the North Atlantic Conference semi-finals after defeating Maine Maritime Academy in the first round.

In the home playoff game on Tuesday, the Hornets found themselves down 1-0 after an early goal by MMA. Lyndon answered quickly however, scoring four unanswered goals to make the tally 4-1.

The second half featured a lot of back and forth play, with each defense making several stops. MMA could not find the back of the Hornets' goal, and the game ended in a 4-1 win for LSC.

Lyndon (5-2-1) now travels to Rutland to face undefeated Castleton State College (7-0) in a game at 11 a.m. on Sunday. Castleton is coming off a one-week bye, earned by virtue of being one of the conference's top two seeds.

When Castleton and Lyndon faced off earlier this season, the result was a CSC victory of 3-0. In that contest, the Spartans outshot the Hornets by a whopping margin of 35-9.

The most recent and only time Lyndon's men's soccer team went to the NAC semi-finals was in 2008, when Husson University annihilated the

Hornets by a score of 10-0.

With the leadership of veterans such as Tyler Bullard, Luke Haskell, and Phil Curll, the team plans to avoid a repeat of that outcome this time around.

"The first time we played them (Castleton) we were not ready," said Bullard. "We came out flat and didn't play at our best. We really want to win this game, it's my senior year and I know I don't want to lose this one."

Head coach Peter Kellaway essentially echoed Bullard's thoughts.

"I think we have a real good chance of winning," said Kellaway. "The first game against them wasn't a true indication of our ability...and I don't think that team can play much better. If we can raise our standard of play...it will be a great game."

Bullard believes the team has a real shot to defeat CSC if they focus on important aspects of the game.

"We need to move the ball, switch fields, move it in and out, and create opportunities," he said. "They're a good team with several key players. If we mark them, we will take those players out of the game and they won't stand a chance."

Kellaway had a different take on some of the challenges his squad will face this

weekend.

"Because they play on turf, that's a bit of a difficulty for us," he said. "It probably takes about a full half of a game to get adjusted to playing on turf versus on grass. They have great depth, so when they bring somebody in off the bench, they aren't falling off the table so to speak."

One of the team's most active players, sophomore forward Teague Coyle, has had a season ridden with yellow cards. Kellaway says this fact wasn't a factor in Coyle's playing time during the MMA game.

"At the end of the half the score was 4-1 and I didn't want to risk any injury to him, realizing the importance that he brings to our team out on the field," he said. "At 4-1 it didn't seem to be as much of a necessity for him to be in the game, whereas probably against Castleton it will be a necessity for him to stay in the game."

Transfer Kyle Mechem summed up Lyndon's objective this weekend. "They're a good team, but as long as we play as well as we know we can, we can stop them from scoring and win," said Mechem. The game will be web-casted on NSN sports net.

Academics and athletics, going hand and hand

Willie Myers
News Correspondent

Professor Geoff Davison deserves a "hats off" for his instruction of the tennis workshop that was held here at Lyndon. This event and Davison himself gained press on the United States Tennis Association website for their fantastic feats in the Lyndon Community involving tennis.

The Physical Education branch of exercise science showed the USTA some of the things that can be brought forward as an academic experience for students and a tennis lesson for children.

Jerry Johnson, member of USTA Vermont Governing

Board was here for the event and had a blast experiencing the workshop filled with tennis games and instructional contests to better form and hone skills. Johnson states "Lyndon State College is fortunate to have Geoff Davison as a professor and coach. He brings a lot to the table."

Johnson goes on to thank the USTA New England Community Relations Manager for Western Massachusetts and Vermont for the wonderful experience he had at Lyndon State, and hopes that we can keep up the good work. So kudos to the PETE Department and Professor Davison for representing Lyndon on a national level and keep it up!

After quick start women's soccer season crashes to an early end

Phil Alexander
News Correspondent

Lyndon State College women's soccer team started up and ended down this year.

The team started its season by going 4-2. LSC defeated Regis College, Morrisville State College, Becker College and Southern Vermont College, with three of the games won by at least four points.

Things changed in the final seven games of the season however, as the Lady Hornets were only able to add one more win to their record.

Coach Wendy Elles was quick to credit the competition that the Lady Hornets faced during the team's homestretch.

"I don't think that our level of play dropped; I just think that the level of the teams that we were playing got better," Elles said.

The important losses came against opponents

within the North Atlantic Conference. Although the team certainly didn't take them lying down.

Elles saw a difference when the Lady Hornets were preparing for games against conference opponents.

"The ladies definitely got excited to play conference games. A lot of times when we played out-of-conference games, we were just getting ready to play conference opponents. I think the biggest reason is because if you win the conference, you go on to the playoffs," Elles said.

The Lady Hornets stayed vigilant and enthusiastic throughout their conference play as three of their losses came by just one point. These close losses came against Husson University, Maine Maritime Academy, and Green Mountain College.

The team finished at 5-10-1 overall on the season, but was just 1-7 in the NAC. Lyndon lost their regular season

closer against Johnson State, dashing their playoff hopes.

Juniors Samantha Bergeron, Michelle Wilcox, and Naomi White led the team with 18, 15, and eight points, respectively. Players receive two points for a goal and one point for an assist.

Wilcox, the team's captain, sees a program on the rise despite their apparent lack of production this year.

"Our team had the potential to compete with any team in Division III. That is a great message to send to the rest of the NAC conference. It takes time to build a great program and this season is contributing to the building success of LSC women's soccer," Wilcox said.

With only two seniors on this season's roster the team can look forward to a solid base of returning players next year and hopefully a place in the 2011 NAC Playoffs.

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Ready for a thrill? Saw VI fails to impress

Emilie Lariviere
Entertainment Editor

One resident assistant is hoping to scare Lyndon residents.

Michael Michaud has put the finishing touches together on a haunted house to be held on Friday. Someone suggested to him to use the new building that Lyndon purchased, as a haunted house for an RA event. He thought it was a good suggestion.

"It's a cool idea and a good way to get a lot of people involved," Michaud said, and he decided to make it happen.

He first had to ask Dean of Administration Wayne Hamilton for permission and Hamilton made sure the house would be ready for such an event.

"It's a creepy old house already even during the day," said Michaud.

They have about 15 volunteers that will be acting in this haunted house on Friday evening. The event takes place this Friday from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and all Lyndon students are welcome to come. There have also been

others that have been helping behind the scenes to set up.

Jillian McLaughlin, residence hall director, has been helping behind the scenes to make fake people.

"I have been making fake people every night for the past week and they're taking over my apartment," said McLaughlin.

Many hands have worked on this project to turn this new Lyndon property into a haunted house for the night. Once Michaud started planning it, many people volunteered to help.

It will be an open house style. It will be set up so you can go through the house with guidance so you won't get completely lost in the house but will have freedom to move around.

There is a lot of enthusiasm that has gone into this project.

"I don't like getting scared but I do like scaring people," said Michaud.

Check out the haunted house tonight from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. this will be one thrill you won't want to miss.

Ethan Mitchell
Critic Staff

In 2004, the horror movie universe was introduced to James Wan's *Saw*. It received mixed reviews, and to this day, viewers either hate or love the film. Being such a box office "money-raker," it was no surprise to see *Saw II*, or even *Saw III*, but how it has propelled into the seventh installment is baffling. The series, including *Saw VI* shown in ATT on Tuesday, are all consistent in the terms of: less than mediocre acting, dissolving plot, and lack of suspense or surprise.

After five previous "Jigsaw" films, *Saw VI* was less than entertaining. Sequels seldom rival the quality of the original film, and it is mostly due to the lack of a consistent and logical plot progression; however, in the case of *Saw VI*, the depth of the plot was missing completely. After so many sequels, it is boring, repetitive, and predictable: it

is the same old ordeal of gruesome death after gruesome death.

It seems to be digging for a place to fit into the story, but the lack of material makes it a challenge. Starting with the fourth installment, the director uses the flashback approach to fill time. I find this direction unappealing, distracting, and even a means to make a full length film out of the least amount of plot.

Acting makes movies, and perhaps if the actors in *Saw VI* were a tad more believable, it might have helped me tolerate the absence of a good plot. Betsy Russell plays a far from pleasing part as Jill Tuck. She is subdued, quiet, and un-lively for the most part.

Her best performance is at the end of the film when she carries out John's ("Jigsaw") will, and even then, her facial expressions and her conviction in the role are sub-par. Costas Mandylor, the actor who plays Detective

Hoffman, is probably the biggest disappointment. Not once do his facial expressions change throughout the film and he is hardly convincing in any line he speaks – his monotonous, robot-like acting, destroys any decent performance that any of the other actors may have had. B-rate actors and mediocre directing have become the downfall of the *Saw* franchise.

The release of *Saw VII* is sure to turn some big money, but I for one, will not be buying a ticket to the same old dog and pony show that has been going on for years. The gruesome and oddball ways to die can only entertain us for so long, but eventually, there has to be something more to draw me to see a movie. Give me *Halloween*; give me *Dawn of the Dead*; give me *Nightmare on Elm Street*; but, please don't make me witness another *Saw* movie.

Don't bolgona someone's pony

Ryan Longe
Critic Staff

This time of year is the best; people are dressed up in various ways. Some pop stars, some creatures from the dark, others walking dead. Whatever their costume may be, it's great to see people in the Halloween spirit everywhere.

As far back I can remember I have always enjoyed Halloween, dressing as a ghoul or vampire, even an alien. The festivities and the spooky factor businesses partake in by decorating for this ghoulish appealing holiday. I give props to all the people here at Lyndon State that take advantage of this holiday and enjoy themselves by dressing up in whatever their taste calls for.

With that said, enjoy Hal-

loween, dress up, go out, stay in, and go have fun with this extravagantly spooky holiday. As always with something fun going on, there is that select group of people that feel the need to go "crazy" and vandalize the property of others. To those that feel the need to do this, please with respect to others don't be a fool and run around like a ghoul.

Have respect for what's not yours, meaning don't toilet paper someone's lawn and trees, don't egg someone's house and don't go around and bolgona someone's pony (as in Ford Mustang)! So have fun this Halloween and keep in mind that if you feel the need to vandalize, simply don't as there is no need to do so.

Happy Halloween...BOO!

What's happening?

3d Annual Chili Cook-off this Saturday from 12-2 p.m. at the Outing Club, \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door

Insomnia Bowl and Costume Party, this Saturday, at 11 p.m. @ Gold Crown Lanes

The Last Exorcism this Sunday at 3 p.m. in ASAC 100

Peace Corps Rep this Tuesday, Nov. 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Student Center

Twilight: Eclipse this Tuesday, Nov. 2 at 9 p.m. in ASAC 100

Jean Charles is offering Fall recitals this Wednesday, Nov. 3 at 12:30 p.m. in the Vail Lounge

Mirrors of Privilege this Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010 from 4-6 p.m. in the Burke Mountain Room

Eating with Em



Emilie Lariviere
Entertainment Editor

Chef's Corner

Halloween is just two days away! Almost everyone has some sort of Halloween tradition that they do. I remember when I was little we used to make sugar cookie dough and then dye it orange. We then took the dough and cookie cut pumpkins out of it and then baked them. This made a delicious snacks and for some reason because it was orange and in the shape of a pumpkin we thought it tasted so much better than a normal sugar cookie, even though in reality it's worse for us. This weekend is full of fun activities such as carving pumpkins, chili contests, trick or treating, and many other things! If you don't already have a fun Halloween memory from years past go out there and find one this year, perhaps it can be making these "Bat Balls" with your friends.

What's cooking in the kitchen?

Bat Balls Ingredients:

18 oz package of Oreos (30 cookies)
8 oz package of Cream Cheese, softened
2 cups white chocolate chips
1TB Butter or Margarine

Instructions:

Place Oreos in a zip-lock bag and crush them until they are crumb-size (your hands, a book or a hammer can be fun tools to crush these cookies). Then if you have an electric mixer, use it, if not you can use your hands to mix the crushed cookies with the cream cheese until it is all mixed together. Place the mixture in the freezer for at least one hour or fridge for 2-3 hours. Then wait. Shortly before you take the mixture out take a cookie sheet and put wax paper on it. A double boiler will work best for this next step but if you don't have one you can just use a regular small saucepan and melt the chocolate and butter. Now take the mixture from

the freezer and roll into one inch balls then use a toothpick and dip the balls in the melted chocolate and then set onto a cookie sheet to harden. After the balls have hardened keep the balls in an airtight container or sealed plastic bag in the refrigerator or freezer.

Nutritional Aspect

It would be hard to tell you these "bat balls" are great for you but there are some good in them. Chocolate is good for your heart. Also, the cream cheese in these has some good in them as every cup of it contains 56 percent of your daily Vitamin A requirement. However, be careful not to eat too many of them all at once as they are extremely high in sodium and cholesterol. This is not the healthiest of snacks but at the same time a few in one sitting shouldn't hurt you.

Recipe suggested by: Ryan Longe. If you have any questions or recipes you want to submit you can email me at: emilie.lariviere@lyndon-state.edu



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Another reason to buy local

Kelleigh Duffy
News Correspondent

Every day, especially as college students, we eat whatever is a quick fix, whatever we can afford, or whatever is put in front of us from supermarkets and restaurants.

However, have you ever wondered where the hamburger on your plate came from? What it ate before it was sent off to the butcher to become food? How healthy the animal was? The documentary "Food Inc." went behind the scenes of where our food comes from and reported many disturbing facts.

Food businesses today are focused more on revenue and profit than the health of the animals they are slaughtering or the health of those purchasing their products.

Even when we make a conscious effort to buy and eat healthy and organic foods such as fresh fruits and vegetables, we are being deceived by a very picturesque delusion of what we are eating.

"There are no seasons in the American supermarket," says Michael Pollen, Knight Professor of Science and Environmental Journalism at UC Berkeley and author of "The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals." "Now there are tomatoes all year round, grown halfway around the world, picked when it was green, and ripened with ethylene gas. Although it looks like a tomato, it's... [only] the idea of a tomato."

The idea we have in our minds of a cute red barn in the countryside next to a field of grazing cattle is simply a myth in the food industry of today. The meat we eat today was raised in a factory farm. In these factory farms animals are fed foods their bodies are not biologically designed to

digest in order to make them larger.

This inhumane farming technique has been used to produce more meat and increase profits for these mega companies. Chickens are so fat before they are slaughtered that they cannot stand on their own two feet.

In contrast, "Organic cows spend more time on pasture, compared to their conventional sisters in confinement operations who are on cement most of their lives. Pasture is the natural environment for a cow, so they are under less stress, healthier and have much longer life spans in general," says Joseph Morrisette, owner of Crazy 8 farm in Orwell Vermont.

The mega companies are not only hurting the animals, but people as well. They have provided us with unhealthy, obese animals to eat and creating new strains of the E. Coli bacteria which infects 73,000 Americans yearly. This is part of the reason Americans are currently facing an obesity epidemic and a colossal increase in type two diabetes.

Furthermore, these companies are inhumane to many of their lower end employees. Companies like Tyson, Perdue, and Smithfield hire illegal immigrants to work for them at low pay rates with poor or no benefits. When law enforcement takes a closer look at their employees they throw them away like they are garbage. They then make a deal with the authorities, giving them a few immigrants to deport to keep their eyes off of them.

What can we do to escape the injustices of the mega companies who rule our food industry? Living in Vermont, our options are more open than one might think. There are many farms that provide

fresh fruits and vegetables that are in season, as well as healthy meats, milk, and eggs.

In Lyndon alone there are at least four farms in close proximity that provide real organic foods. Gourmet Gardens provides fresh veggies, as well as real wool products. Meadow View Farm provides the Northeast Kingdom with fresh vegetables, berries and beef. Meadow View also has a farm stand at the Lynburke Motel and provides local stores with their produce and meat.

Speedwell has a stand at Lyndon's farmer's market. They have fresh milk and eggs in addition to their all-natural beef, pork, and produce. Finally, Tamarlane Farm supplies beef, chicken, turkey, and milk to local stores and restaurants, including the Freight House Restaurant.

If you think it stops here, you are very wrong. There are many more farms all throughout the Northeast Kingdom that can provide all of us with healthy, natural, organic foods. It's easy to start eating healthier by buying local.

Zombie Apocalypse

The hunt started on Wednesday and will crawl across campus until Friday night. The objective of the game is to remain human for as long as possible. The game started with one zombie and 114 humans. The number of infected quickly climbs as each new zombie starts to spread their disease by tagging victims. The game is played all throughout campus, with exceptions of buildings and staircases which are safe zones. The current numbers are 69 humans and 46 zombies, with Ethan Fontneau leading the zombies with 10 kills.




Photo by Madi Cox

Above: Caleb Dudley, still human and ready to fight off the zombies that awaited outside the safety of Vail. Below: Bonnie Schnabel, a zombie lurks outside the Critic office on Thursday afternoon.



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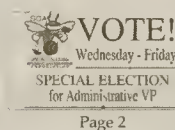
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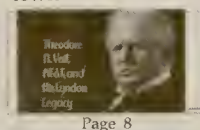
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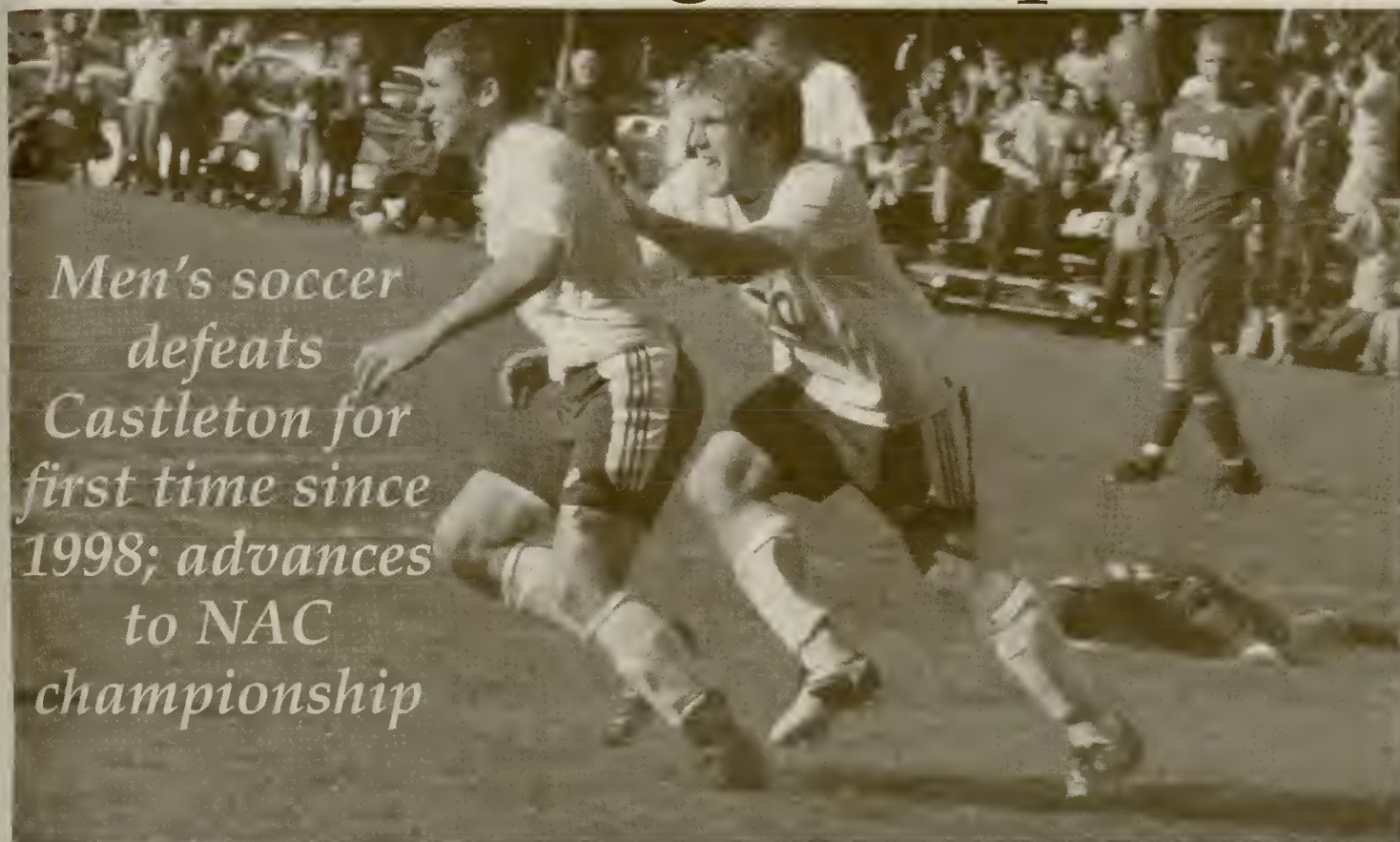


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Hornets sting the Spartans



Men's soccer defeats Castleton for first time since 1998; advances to NAC championship

Photo by Sam Monroe

Matt Browne (left) celebrates with Teague Coyle after scoring a goal in Lyndon's playoff game against Maine Maritime last week. Lyndon will travel to Thomas College for a chance at the conference championship. Students can sign up for a fan bus in residential life. The bus will leave at 8 a.m. on Saturday. The game will also be broadcasted on NSN sports.

Eric Blaisdell
Critic Staff

The Lyndon State College men's soccer team will face Thomas College for the North Atlantic Conference championship.

The trip to the conference title game comes after the fourth seeded Hornets defeated the number one seeded Castleton Spartans in the semi-finals last weekend. The victory was the first time the Hornets had defeated the Spartans since 1998. It was also the first loss of the season in conference play for the Spartans.

Patrice Lumumba scored twice in the second half after his team entered the half trailing 1-0. Andrew O'Brien scored the insurance goal to secure the 3-1 win and a trip to the finals.

Thomas College will

enter the title game with a record of 10-5-2 and finished the regular season with a 5-2 record in the NAC. Thomas defeated University of Maine - Farmington 3-1 on Saturday, Oct. 30 to earn the title berth.

Thomas is led by freshman Casey Castle who had two of Thomas' three goals in the semi-final match. Castle is originally from Bermuda and currently has 11 conference goals. He was recently named First Team All-Conference in the NAC as well as Rookie of the Year for 2010. He is also on Bermuda's U-20 World Cup Qualifier squad.

Castle is one of ten international players on the Thomas squad. Freshman goalkeeper Mikkhail Crockwell, who was named First Team All-Conference as well, also comes from Bermuda and finished the season fifth in the NAC

in saves with 73 and save percentage of .777. Another international standout is freshman Paul Rechichi from Australia, who was Second Team All-Conference in the NAC.

Thomas also has players from Wales, England, Canada, and New Zealand. They are a young team with only two juniors and the rest freshmen. The Terriers are coached by Jason Higgins, who acknowledges that his team is still trying to get all that worldwide talent to mesh.

"I would classify us as a group that has the talent to win on Saturday, but can we put that talent on one focus?" said Higgins in a phone interview.

Coach Higgins anticipated being in this position, but this game will not define his season.

"The conference finals

are not the end all for me this year," he said. "I had hoped that we would be here, I expected us to be here, but I also understand that it's not easy to get here."

LSC coach Pete Kellaway knows the Thomas team his team will face on Saturday is gifted.

"They consist of a lot of international players with a lot of experience," Kellaway says. "Typical teams on the college level, at least in Division III, are probably 13 or 14 players deep. And these guys, their whole bench can start for anyone else in the conference."

Lyndon State College comes into the contest with an overall record of 12-3-3 and finished the regular season with a 4-2-1 record in the NAC.

The Hornets are led by sophomore Patrice Lumumba who had two goals in the

win at Castleton. Lumumba originally hails from the Democratic Republic of Congo and currently has 11 conference goals. He was named First Team All-Conference in the NAC as well as last week's Player of the Week in the NAC and co-Offensive Player of the Week in the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Coach Higgins is aware of the threat Lumumba brings.

"We need to focus on Patrice," he said. "(He) is someone we have to watch."

Two additional award winners for LSC are sophomore Jason Gray and junior Kyle Mecham who both received Second Team All-Conference honors.

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Weekend Weather Outlook: Jordan Sherman

Additional weather information provided by The Weather Channel

Friday:



HIGH
44°-49°
WINDS
Light

► Rain showers tapering off in the early afternoon.

Friday night:



LOW
32°-35°
WINDS
Light

► Mostly cloudy with a chance of an isolated flurry. No accumulation.

Saturday:



HIGH
40°-44°
WINDS
Light

► Scattered rain showers.

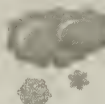
Saturday night:



LOW
26°
WINDS
Light

► Rain and snow showers overnight. 30% chance of precipitation.

Sunday:



HIGH
39°
WINDS
Light

► Few snow showers likely.

2 vie for open executive board seat

Madi Cox
Managing Editor

Following the impeachment of the Student Government's administrative vice president last week, two students are competing to replace him.

Katee Ingram, a third year representative, and Dave Daly, the representative of the Twilight Players, both have experience with the Student Government Association, and both have goals for being on the executive board next year as well.

"One of the reasons I'm running is because I plan on running for president next year," Daly said. "I think it would be good to get the experience and know and see what goes on behind the scenes of SGA."

"I'm still planning on running again in the spring for this position for next year," Ingram said.

The duties of the administrative vice president include

taking notes during SGA meetings and posting the minutes on the website, taking roll call at the beginning of each meeting, and being the voting voice of the executive board as well.

Both Daly and Ingram said that the decision to impeach Shadrock had nothing to do with their plans on running for the position.

"I expressed interest in running for this position in the spring, before the whole impeachment petition came out. The fact this happened was just pure coincidence.

This arose as an opportunity but the reason I was for the impeachment was absolutely nothing to do with me wanting the position," Ingram said. "Chris is a good friend of mine and I would not go behind his back like that."

"I voted in support of the impeachment, as many people know, but it had nothing to do at all with my personal gain," Daly said.

"I bring a lot of creativity

and a lot of fresh ideas to SGA. I feel that SGA recently has not had a good name or a good reputation with the student body and I'd like to build that up again," Ingram said. "I'd like to be part of that change."

"I'm a level-headed person. I'm unbiased. I love this school; I care about the students. I'm always trying to make this school better," Daly said.

Despite it being a competition between the two, both Ingram and Daly believe the other is able to do the job.

"Either of us would be great for it," Daly said.

"I support Dave as much as I support myself in this. I know either way this goes we'll both do a great job," said Ingram.

Senior Chris Peltier is also running a write-in campaign.

Students can vote until Fri. at 4 p.m. in the ATT lobby, or on lyndonsga.com.



Top: Katee Ingram, bottom: Dave Daly

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10/29

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Underage drinking

*Stonehenge Parking Lot

This is not a motel.

Sleeping in car/alcohol possession

10/30

*Stonehenge Parking Lot

How old are you?

Underage drinking

10/31

*Stonehenge Parking Lot

That was not 3 seconds.

Failure to stop at stop sign

10/31

*Rita Bole

Who burnt their ramen?

Fire alarm in suite

11/2

*ATT

Watch your step.

Visitor falls at entrance

*Bayley

Let's all get along.

Assault

11/3

*Rita Bole

Keep your wildfires outside.

Fire alarm in suite

Vermonters feeling "blue" after election results

Aimee Lawton
News Editor

This year's election proved that many Vermonters are feeling "blue."

After votes were tallied Tuesday night after the polls closed, Vermonters elected only two Republican candidates to statewide offices, leaving the rest controlled by the Democratic candidates.

Peter Shumlin, a Democratic candidate for governor,

was elected to the position for the first time. Shumlin was declared the winner Wednesday morning after Republican candidate Brian Dubie conceded. Dubie served as Lt. Governor for four terms, and defeated Shumlin in his run for this office in 2002. Shumlin received 49 percent of the vote to Dubie's 48 percent, defeating him by just under 4,000 votes.

Jim Condos, Democratic candidate for Secretary of State was elected to his first statewide office. In the past, he served on the South Burlington City Council from 1989-2007 and as a state senator from 2001-2008. He received 54 percent of the vote, defeating first-time Republican candidate Jason Gibbs, who received 44 percent. This was Gibbs' first time running in a statewide office, but he served on Governor Douglas' senior staff from 2003-2008.

William Sorrell, Democratic candidate for Attorney General, was re-elected for his seventh term to the office. He received 62 percent of the vote, defeating Republican challenger Aaron Toscano, who received 29 percent.

Both Democratic incumbents were also re-elected to the Senate and House of Representatives. Patrick Leahy, Democratic incumbent for United States Senator was re-

elected for his seventh term, having already held the office for 36 years. Leahy received 64 percent of the vote, defeating first-time Republican challenger Len Britton, who received 30 percent.

Peter Welch, Democratic incumbent for United States House was re-elected for his third term, having held the office since 2006. Welch received 65 percent of the vote, defeating first-time Republican challenger Paul Beaudry, who received 32 percent.

Tom Salmon, Republican candidate for Auditor was re-elected to his position for a third term. Salmon received 52 percent of the vote, defeating first-time Democratic candidate Doug Hoffer, who received 45 percent.

Phil Scott, Republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor, was elected to the position for the first time. Scott served as a Washington County State Senator from 2001-2010 and defeated Mark Snelling in the Vermont Primary election in August. Scott received 49 percent of the vote, defeating first-time statewide candidate Steve Howard, who received 42 percent. Howard served as a Vermont State Representative from 1993-1998 and again from 2005-2010.

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Student loan debt can ruin credit scores

Benjamin Cookson
News Correspondent

There are many Lyndon students who are drowning in student loan debt, and a class about it may be the answer, according to some bankers.

The ever-rising cost of tuition is forcing many students to accept loans as part of their financial aid. According to two local bankers, the biggest problem associated with student loans is the lack of education that accompanies them.

"Debt can be a nightmare if you don't understand the ramifications," said Community National Bank branch manager Kara Coombs.

"These loans really set the stage for the credit reputation a student will have for the rest of their life."

According to Coombs, a student that does not pay their student loan payments on time will not only have bad credit, but also bad marks attached to his or her social security number for life.

Student loans are secured by the federal government, so they do not have tangible assets attached to them like car loans. If students do not make their car payments, then the bank takes their cars back. If students do not pay their student loan payments, however, the bank cannot confiscate the education gained through the

borrowed money.

According to North Country Federal Credit Union loan officer Karen Sylvester, failure to repay education loans can result in attachment to future wages and withholding of tax returns.

"The government will get their money one way or another. If you don't pay them, they will just take it from you out of every paycheck," said Sylvester. "It is a shame the college does not teach a class on the importance of paying student loans back. They are black marks that can follow students forever all because they don't know the ramifications."

There are programs avail-

able to help graduates that are having a hard time paying off their loans. According to representatives at VSAC, loan originators will often defer payments if there is a financial or medical hardship. Loans can be consolidated into one payment, and employers have the ability to withhold loan payments from a paycheck.

"No one wants a graduate to fail. Whether it is in the job market or in the credit world, students need to understand that there are a lot of people willing to help. All they need to do is ask for it," said Sylvester. "A good credit rating is equally as important as a good education."

LSC does not currently offer a credit building or personal money management course as a part of its General Education Units (GEU). According to both banking representatives, a mandatory class for every student which teaches the basics of money and credit could be the key to more successful graduates.

"In my experience, people with better credit tend to have less stress when it comes to loans and borrowing. When people are less stressed, they are happier and more productive," said Coombs. "The college has classes for everything else. Why not credit?"

Free STD testing draws students to Brown House

Robert Trucott
News Correspondent

The illness season will soon be upon us, but hasn't struck yet, according to officials from the Brown House.

Paula Chamberlain, receptionist at the Brown House, said that no more students than usual have come in for illnesses so far this year.

"We have been rather busy with students coming in and out every day, but for different reasons and not all of them for being sick, such as counseling," Chamberlain said.

Abby Provost, a nurse at the Brown House, has noticed that there has been an increase in students coming in to be checked for sexually transmitted infections.

"A teacher had a class on STDs and must have told their students that we give out tests here at the Brown House," said Provost about recent patients. "None of these students have symptoms, but they are all doing the responsible thing by making sure they are healthy."

"We give out free STD screenings here at the Brown House, so it makes sense to

make a trip down here to make sure everything is okay, and it only takes about five minutes of your time to make sure of it," she said.

Provost feels strongly about the fact that students should always get tested, just to make sure there really isn't something wrong.

"Students are curious now that they are aware that the test is free and want to know how they are health-wise," said Provost. Provost alone has given out 15 different tests in the past two weeks to students, proving that students are motivated to

go.

When students come to the Brown House for reasons like STDs, nurses like Provost are there to give out the tests and to listen to what the students have to ask for questions.

"They mostly ask about STDs like HIV and gonorrhea and we listen to what they have to say," she said.

"Most of the illnesses have been things such as sore throats, stuffy nose, and other basic illnesses that are common this time of year," said Provost. "We can't really do anything for these students

besides give them the 'mom treatment' or do some 'hand holding,' and with the weather changes we have experienced, illness can be expected."

"There hasn't been a steady reason for students 'coming in for illness,' said Chamberlain on what she has noticed for common causes for students who check into the Brown House. "There hasn't seemed to be a huge influx of illness yet, but from past experience the season is definitely creeping upon us."

Lyndon upgrades to LED by December

Greg Besso
Columnist

With green initiatives being offered by the state of Vt., Lyndon State College is rising to the challenge outdoors with new lights.

The incandescent light bulb poles are slowly but surely being replaced with green, clean light in the form of Light Emitting Diode (LED) lamps. These lamps run without filaments and can compete with the incandes-

cent bulbs that are still all over campus.

In fact, Lyndon is about to lead the way toward a greener campus in the future.

According to Tom Archer, the director of maintenance, the energy savings are tremendous. The new lamps will save the campus two-thirds on energy. The exact voltage used will drop from 75 volts per lamp to just 15, significantly reducing energy to one-third of what is being used now.

Archer said he hopes to

have every lamp on campus changed by December, but green energy doesn't come cheaply.

"LED outdoor lighting poles cost \$500 apiece," Archer said. "But they pay for themselves rather quickly."

This savings will significantly lower the campus energy bill, as well as provide a sustainable future. Despite the expense, in the long run the savings will make up for initial expenses.

Lyndon State College is the first campus in Vermont to

turn to clean lighting.

This lighting is clean in many more ways than one. For example, with incandescent light bulbs, there can be a "halo" effect that spoils the view of the sky. LED lamps eliminate this effect by shining downwards toward the ground instead of in all directions.

With LED lamps, the environment suffers less of an impact.

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Personal attacks on both sides are uncalled for

Dear Editor,

I don't personally know Justin Chenette or Chris Shadrock, nor do I have any intentions in getting to know them. The only reason for this letter is to state my opinion which I feel strongly about in hopes to correct this negativity that has been created by these individuals and the students on our campus that seek pleasure in others' misfortune or drama.

Approximately two weeks ago I was exposed to a derogatory comment that came from Chris Shadrock, which made me question the reasoning and the motivation that would possess him to make this comment. It was clearly unethical and not the type of language that would be expected from someone who is carrying a substantial amount of weight in student body and SGA.

At first I felt that Justin

Chenette could be a possible victim of what is referred to as hate crime, or speech, but after a quick browse of my Facebook, I was able to find the correlation and answer to what puzzled me to begin with.

Judging by what Justin Chenette was expressing on his Facebook status prior to the SGA meeting, it was evident to me that he was being conniving and not giving off the behavior and attitude that you would expect from someone who was apparently a victim of being targeted. In fact, Justin was clearly instigating the current issue while making an almost anonymous attack toward Chris Shadrock by posting as a Facebook status, "Welcome to the era of accountability."

While attending the SGA meeting, I had strong feelings of embarrassment for what I was seeing; students feeding off each other's negativity

and the personal degrading of Chris Shadrock as a person, which I found rather unprofessional of the SGA members to allow.

Even after stressing his very emotional and sincere apology, students and members of the SGA consistently used any possible word at their disposal to personally degrade and continue to beat him while he was down; shame on us. Because of the laws within the SGA's constitution, this never should have happened, nor should we students have been exposed to this negativity.

Chris Shadrock should have lost his position immediately and without the personal attacks toward him; it was unnecessary in this professional circumstance. After returning to my dorm I quickly checked my Facebook status to see any current updates on this issue. Once again I found Justin Chenette

instigating and flaunting himself around in the impeachment of Chris Shadrock by commenting to Jimmy Bielli, "Why didn't you participate in the SGA meeting, why not next time you put your words into actions next time."

This I found to be rather disgusting and not the kind of actions that would be expected from someone of Justin Chenette's professional status. The SGA stressed that his impeachment wasn't of personal consequence, but purely professional. After seeing Justin Chenette's comments and status, it was hard to ignore that this was definitely personal; if it wasn't already, then he was making it personal by posting these comments.

Furthermore, it was completely uncalled for and unprofessional when Justin used the 6 young men that committed suicide because the harassment they received from

their sexual orientation to his advantage at the SGA meeting, while mentioning his past thoughts of committing suicide. I strongly feel that both of these individuals have taken this personal issue and turned it into an exaggerated public matter, in which they both have made a joke out of our school and student body.

Both of them clearly are in the wrong with their hate speeches, conniving words, and instigation tactics used to manipulate our campus. It's apparent to me that these individuals lack the maturity needed and do not possess the qualities or responsibilities that is required of their professional position.

Therefore I feel it is only fair for them both to be chastised.

Christopher Dean
Freshman
Human Services Major



Photo by Brittany Lorange

Dan Haycock, president of CAB, tries to get a strike during LSC's Insomnia Bowl Saturday night at Gold Crown Lanes in St. Johnsbury, while wearing his Halloween costume. The event was put on by the Campus Activities Board, and is free to all students. These events are typically well-attended by students from LSC who want to take a break from studying.

When will they ever learn?

Robert Patton
Critic Staff

It's been largely forgotten, but the first attempts to outlaw marijuana use were motivated by the association of the practice with Mexicans and others deemed to be of the lower classes. Prohibition faced obstacles imposed by the U.S. Constitution, which does not create an environment that promotes attempts to tell others how to live.

So it all started with a stamp tax, something we learned from George III. Possession of marijuana required purchase of a tax stamp, but the stamp could only be sold to those who possessed the weed. By producing some

weed, you were qualified to purchase the necessary stamp, but, oops, you were already in violation and on your way to the slammer.

Now, largely thanks to drug laws, America has the highest percentage of its population behind bars in the world. Although Saddam Hussein's prisons were probably a lot nastier than ours, the chances that an Iraqi would end up in one were slimmer than ending up in prison in Barack Obama's America.

Marijuana prohibition does not provide the only path to prison, just one of the more common ones. There are those that argue that marijuana laws have failed to stem the tide and others who argue that personal use of marijuana is not the business of government. And few would contest the obvious: Marijuana prohibition has cost the American taxpayer enormous sums of money. Should marijuana use, like alcohol use, be legal and regulated?

George Hacking says no. Now head of Public Safety at Lyndon State College, Hacking served a long and varied career with the Vermont State Police before mandatory retirement spun him into a second career.

"I drink alcohol," he said. "Would I be better off if I had never had a drink of alcohol in my life? Some of my family and friends are alcoholics.

Some of them are not even around anymore...So am I ready to pull the plug and say legalize [marijuana]? No I'm not. Is it a fight that law enforcement can win alone? No it's not. It has to be fought at all different levels."

Hacking compares the process of fighting marijuana use with a three-legged stool where one leg is law enforcement, a second is education, and the third is health. To win the fight, he argues, you must use all three legs.

Hacking is right, of course, about health and safety. Few would claim that marijuana use is good for anyone.

But prohibition has not only failed for more than half a century; it now faces new obstacles.

According to the Wall Street Journal, European chemists are cooking up one new high after another. And, as fast as the politicians and police are outlawing one, the labs spew out another.

David Llewellyn, who lives and works in Antwerp, told the Journal that one of his creations, a drug he calls Nopaine, is "every bit as good as cocaine."

For those who prefer marijuana, a legal synthetic version has already arrived on American shores and State governments are putting in overtime writing new laws to prohibit it.

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Advising Center to assist students with questions

Erin Milne
Critic Staff

Students looking for some academic or career advice now don't have far to walk.

The Carhartt Advising Resource Center, which is located on the third floor of the Library and Academic Center between Academic Support and the library, houses Career Services and the Gateway Program. First Year Experience also has a part-time office in the center.

"This is sort of your one-stop shop for advising questions," said Donna Dalton, dean of academic and student affairs.

The center is designed to

improve advising and was created in response to student surveys, Dalton said. She added that students who left LSC prior to graduation reported problems with advising as a reason for leaving.

LSC's advising model is based on faculty, and faculty are expected to "learn advising on the job," Dalton said.

Each student is assigned a faculty adviser in his or her major, and this makes advising difficult for explorations students and those who are considering changing their majors, since their advisers often can't answer questions about other majors.

The Carhartt Advising Resource Center is intended

to answer these questions, Dalton said. Students can go to the center to learn about majors, learn what majors lead to what careers, and explore their interests.

"This in no way replaces faculty advisers," Dalton said, adding that the center's role is to supplement the work advisers are already doing. She said that by answering students' preliminary questions, the center can prepare students for meeting with their advisers.

Those who run the individual departments within the center are pleased with their new location. Linda Wacholder, director of Career Services, likes her depart-

ment's proximity to Academic Support, saying the location will likely make Career Services more visible to students.

First Year Experience Director Donna Keely feels the center is a good location for the first year office because of the students the center attracts.

"The students who will use the center most are freshman and perhaps sophomores," Keely said. She added that she is thinking about moving First Year Experience to the center full-time, and that a final decision about this will be made next year.

The Carhartt Advising Resource Center has been in planning for about three

years, said Student Success Specialist Kate Gold, who runs the Gateway Program for underprepared freshmen. The idea for the center was conceived through LSC's Project Compass initiative, Gold said. Project Compass focuses on strategies for supporting students who come from modest income families and are the first in their families to attend college.

Creating the center cost LSC between \$35,000 and \$40,000, according to Dean of Administration Wayne Hamilton. This money came from the \$1 million gift the school received from the CEO of Carhartt, who is an LSC alumnus.

What the funk is going on?

Your weekly musings from a maniacal music man

Brian Lacharite
Columnist

Hello fans! You may have noticed that my column seemingly disappeared over the past two weeks. I'll spare you the murky details, but let's just say my absence can also be explained away by some sketchy interactions with the RNC, the CIA, The Illuminati, and some Scientists led by Tom Cruise.

On Friday last week I found myself walking back to my dorm one moment, and the next thing I remember was waking up in Washington D.C. in front of the Lincoln memorial. I noticed a sharp pain in the back of the neck, probably from where the RNC or CIA or whoever was behind this drugged me up with the sodium penothal. After regaining awareness, I tried to get a sense of my surroundings. Noticing the giant phallic Washington monument dominating the horizon, I decided my best course of action would be to head east towards the Capitol Building. I noticed a large throng of people all heading eastward with me. They were all dressed in various odd costumes, in almost a zombie-like trance. It was such a bizarre sight to see. They all seemed to be migrating towards one location on the far east end of the mall. Was Dan

Brown onto something I thought? Could this be the Illuminati finally retaking Washington for the Freemasons? At that moment I saw a giant grizzly bear in front of me. It was just someone wearing a cheap mascot costume.

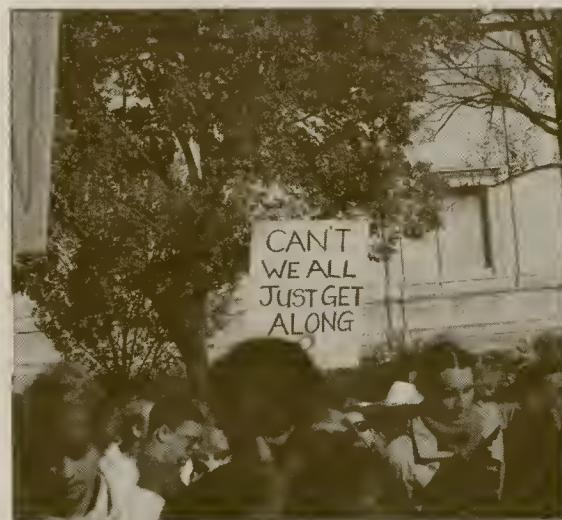
Then I had my epiphany. This was The Rally to Restore Sanity and/or Fear. Granted I didn't wind up there the way I planned, but I was still happy to be surrounded by fellow Daily Show fans and members of The Colbert Nation. More than 300,000 (or as Stephen would say, 6 billion) of us were there to show our support for turning down the vitriolic and dangerous rhetoric espoused in the political and media landscape of this day and age. Or we were there to ratchet up the fear and hysteria we receive via the media everyday. It really depends on whether you were siding with Stephen or Jon.

We were treated to the comedic antics of Jonathan Stuart Leibowitz and Stephen Tiberius Colbert. The crowd was also paid a visit by the infamous Mythbusters. All 300,000 of us collectively did various forms of the wave. Adam and Jamie calculated that we all weighed about 20 million pounds. This was reason enough for them to make us all jump up and

down at the same time, rattling the earth beneath our feet. A seismograph reading indicated we collectively were about 100x more powerful than a car crashing into a brick wall at 35 mph. Musical performances by The Roots, John Legend, Cat Stevens, Sheryl Crow, Ozzy Osbourne, The Ojays, and Mavis Staples just added to the intense energy emanating from the crowd. This rally was truly a success.

Jon gave a very heartfelt speech at the end of the 3-hour festivities. We proved that there is a voice out there for the 80% of Americans who are too busy to be hyper partisan. That America is not as divided as Glenn Beck and Keith Olbermann would have you believe. That it's okay to disagree and that not everyone you disagree with is Hitler. Only Hitler is Hitler. Just because you don't support President Obama doesn't mean you're a racist. And just because you support the new health care bill doesn't mean you support "death panels" and want grandma wheeled away. It's cool to be civil. Moderation is more effective at positive change than extremism.

On my long strange trip home with a van full of people dressed as Christine O'Donnell, Sarah Palin, Joe Biden, and Pikachu I reflected on everything Jon and Stephen had to say, and it gave me a lot of hope for the future of our country. I think we were going to be okay. Taking a page from Yusuf Islam at the rally, I'll hop aboard the peace train any day.



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Fans of Stephen Colbert and Jon Stewart gather in Washington D.C. for a rally.



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Kenedi Hall sets sights on olympics



Olympic hopeful freshman Kenedi Hall runs toward the finish line at the NAC championship race. Courtesy of Christopher Ummer

Candice Kopec
Critic Staff

LSC freshman Kenedi Hall has been given an opportunity of a lifetime to train and compete in the Olympics.

Not many can say they have been given this opportunity, but Hall can.

Driven to be a successful athlete and reach his lifelong dream, Hall researched and researched about what it takes to be an olympian and the path he must follow to make it happen.

"My father and I came up

with an idea of myself trying out for the Ethiopian Nordic ski team. We looked at the requirements and I met them," Hall said.

From that point on, determined to fulfill his dream, he found a coach to start his journey. Hall will start his physical training when the cross country running season is through here at LSC.

"To tell you the truth, I do not know yet what training is like but I will tell you it will be extremely hard and painful," said Hall. "No one said it was going to be easy to

go to the Olympics so I am not expecting it to be a walk in the park."

Not only is Hall psyched about going to the olympics, but he is more grateful that maybe someday he can help kids like himself get out of poverty and get a second chance in life.

"I will make a difference in this word," Hall said with confidence. "I am very excited, nervous, and ready."

That's how Hall describes his feelings about starting training.

New season for women's hoop

Michael Howard
News Correspondent

The Lyndon State women's basketball team is looking to improve from last year and it starts with new players.

In his fifth year of coaching, Vinnie Maloney is pleased with what he sees at practice.

"There's a great attitude with the team, everyone comes to practice on time and works hard," said Maloney.

With new post players including freshmen Sarah Adams, Morgan Diltz and Amanda Martin they can help this team improve and take on tough opponents.

"We have a great group of new players with so many of them being post players," said Maloney.

Naomi White will move to the guard spot where she's most comfortable setting up the offense.

"Last year our offense was good but our defense and intensity need work," he said.

With returning conference rookie of the year Donna Lawson, the Hornets will have a great presence on defense.

With a tough out of conference schedule including their first tournament on Nov. 19 at Endicott College, coach Maloney will be more aggressive by having the team press

more and put pressure on their opponents. Their conference play will be as tough as last year, as most of the teams are keeping their key players. Coach Maloney is excited to see what his team can do.

"I have a great group of players, they're excited about basketball and want to get better and will do the hard work to get there," he said.

New this year at their home games there will be fundraisers that include half court shots and giveaways.

The lady Hornets first home game will be Dec. 3, against out-of-conference Bay Path College.

Where to get the goods

Kriston Hall
Critic Staff

As winter approaches skiers and snowboarders alike begin thinking about their gear.

From head to toe that's a lot of stuff to consider. Helmets, hats, goggles, scarves, bandanas, the newest headphones, jackets, sweatshirts, gloves, base layers, snow pants, socks, boots, bindings and a board or a pair of skis.

There always seems to be something you need to replace and five things you want just because you can have them. It can be because something wore out, or it simply doesn't fit your style anymore. Like the runway models of Paris or Tokyo, there's a new style almost every year. Lets face it, last year's stuff may be cool, but this year's stuff is hot.

Also like the world of high fashion, this stuff can get really expensive. It's not unheard of to spend upwards of a thousand dollars for a set of gear. So when you looking for the things you want, price is often more of a factor than the styling. We'd all like to get the newest and best equipment but we're all college students to.

But there is hope for all you penny-pinching winter enthusiasts out there, the internet! Sure, there are sales on every ski and snowboard shop website, but you're still going to be paying near retail, maybe 40-50% off if your lucky. What you need to look for is a wholesale site.

These companies offer one product in all its various sizes and colors at a time, that's it. They sell it till they're all gone, whether it takes ten minutes or two hours. The upside of this very selective store front is they can sell their merchandise at astronomical prices. Skis that retail for \$600 can be bought and shipped for as little as \$150.

The percentages off on these sites can range from 50-80% and all you need to do to save all that extra money is be diligent. Given the one item at a time nature of these sites it can take a few days or even weeks to see something you want and or need.

The time spent waiting and searching reminds me of hunting. It's boring and sometimes aggravating, but once you get what you're looking for in your sights it's amazing. With the click of a mouse you can bag all your gear for a fraction of the retail coast.

Men's soccer preview (cont.)

Continued from page 1

Gray currently has the most saves in the conference with 124 and the best save percentage of .855. Mecham has four goals and two assists this season.

Coach Kellaway has his players playing what he calls a "blue collar" style of soccer.

"We bring our hard hat to practice and our lunch pail to work," said Kellaway on the phone. "That's how we beat other teams is we just out work them for 90 minutes, that's our strength."

"Our philosophy all season is we're going to play the way we're supposed to play and capable of playing," he said. "And the other team is going to have to adapt to us. We're in better shape than most of the teams we play against because we work harder in practice."

For Kellaway, identity is important.

"We realize who we are and where we're from," he said. "We go to school in the Northeast Kingdom. Primarily that's a blue collar neigh-

borhood and consequently that's the image that we like to take with us."

The two teams met earlier this season on Oct. 16 with Thomas winning 2-1 in overtime. From Higgins' point of view the win was unfounded.

"At the end of the day we really should not have won that game," said Higgins.

LSC's Lumumba agrees with Higgins.

"It was a pretty intense game," said Patrice. "I thought we dominated the whole game. We knew we could have won that game."

LSC sophomore Patrick Hilton thinks the first game was a fluke.

"We handled them pretty well in the first game," said Hilton in an e-mail. "As their first goal came off a missed clear from the defense, and their goal in OT to win it should have been called off-sides."

Thomas coach Higgins is not thinking about that first match.

"I'm not even looking at the last game we played

against Lyndon," he said. "A lot has happened since that game, not only with Lyndon, but also with our team."

Thomas College has a record of 4-1 against LSC in the previous five meetings with Thomas taking the last four. That is not discouraging the Hornets and they believe they can win Saturday.

"Our team goal this year from the first day of pre-season has been to win the NAC," said Hilton. "That hasn't changed. I have 100 percent confidence in our team, and I am very confident we will do well Saturday."

Lumumba has faith in his teammates.

"We just have to believe in each other and stay focused," said Patrice. "Come out with the same attitude we had against Castleton. I'm ready to play and win the game and bring the NAC home."

The championship will be held at Thomas College in Waterville, Maine, on Saturday, Nov. 6. Kickoff is at 1 p.m.

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LSC men's cross country wins third straight championship



The men's cross country team, 2010 NAC Champions

Patrick Hilton
Correspondent

There was no partying this Halloween for the men's cross country team at Lyndon State College; instead the Hornets brought home yet another championship trophy.

The annual North Atlantic Conference Championship is held on halloween weekend, and this year the teams traveled to Castine, Maine to the campus of Maine Maritime Academy for the race.

The cross country teams left on Saturday for MMA and stayed overnight, as they prepared for Sunday's race. It has been a very successful season so far for both the men's and women's teams, and that trend continued this weekend, when the men's team won the NAC championship for the third consecutive year.

"I expected the men to win the race based on the skill and ability of our team on paper," said head coach Chris Ummer. "Now did I expect to win in such a dominant way? We had 22 points and the second place team, MMA, had 67. A 45 point margin, I don't know if I was expecting that, but I hoped that. I'm pretty excited to have 6 guys in the top 8."

The weather was a bit of a challenge, and in spite of this, many runners ran personal best races. "Was it a surprise, well maybe," said Ummer. "5-8 minutes before the men's race, big fat snowflakes were coming down, and it slightly coated the ground."

"I think one of the bigger stories of the day was that our men ran extremely well. And MMA, with the exception of their number 1 who won the race, as a team they did not," he said. "Which is very striking compared to last year at the NAC championship when they ran extremely well and pushed us."

For the men's team, junior captain Craig Johnson from North Kingstown, Rhode Island was excited for the race and the opportunity to stay overnight. "The

overnight trips are fun even though we have to take it really seriously and there isn't time to hang out too much," said Johnson.

On a weekend where most college students are out partying and drinking, the cross country teams have remained focused and disciplined in order for success in their races. Despite all the fun that they could be having with their friends back at LSC, Johnson didn't seem too worried about missing this big weekend.

"I don't mind missing halloween night. It doesn't bother me because we have had to miss halloween for conference championships each of the last two years," he said.

But to these cross country athletes, they aren't missing out on all the fun. They are on the team for a reason, and that is to compete. Missing halloween weekend is worth it to them because of the competition and fun, especially when a championship is on the line.

Joshua Grant, Michael Farmer, Kenedi Hall, Wildens Fils, Dylan MacNevin, and Craig Johnson earned First-Team All-NAC honors for the Hornets.

In addition to the championship title, the men's cross country team was also the recipient of the NAC team sportsmanship award this season. To coach Ummer and his players, that honor is something special.

"It's one of the only times I'm aware of a team winning the NAC also winning the sportsmanship award," said Ummer. "It almost means more to my team than winning the conference."

According to head coach Chris Ummer, more than 10 runners for the men had personal best times. Everyone seemed to be in form for the big race. The men's team will now advance to the NCAA Regional Meet in Williamstown, Massachusetts on Saturday, November 13. They also race in the ECAC's this weekend, which Ummer describes as more of a training race.

Women's cross country takes second



Head coach Chris Ummer and the women's XC team.

Kriston Hall
Critic Staff

The Lyndon State women's cross country team finished second at this year's NAC Championship. Farmington took first on its own course.

"The course was a little less than ideal as far as footing goes, but nothing that the women couldn't handle or were affected by" said head coach Chris Ummer.

The women finished with an average position of fourth in team standings this year. Ummer said this was due to their "commitment to the goals, planning, strength conditioning programs and the training."

Even though the season just finished Ummer is already looking ahead to next year. "Some additional recruits, the return of a number of our runners and with the NAC Championship here at Lyndon, a huge home course advantage," said Ummer.

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Home course advantage really is huge in XC. It gives the team plenty of time to practice the exact course they have to compete on, allowing them to tune their running to the specific demands of the course. This is different from other sports where the fields are pretty much identical no matter where you compete.

Ummer was clearly happy with the results of both teams at the championships but when asked if anyone said, "All the woman put in a brilliant effort Sunday... but the quiet, meek and unassuming Nikki Brown really lead the way the last few races. She was a very pleasant surprise!"

The top five runners for Lyndon were Nikki Brown (20:42), Allynne O'Hearn (20:47), Susannah Powell (20:52), Leah Morgan (21:41) and Gabrielle Mathewson (21:50).



Allynne O'Hearn, midstride



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Swainbank brings Mr. Vail back to town

Justin Golschneider
Critic Staff

LSC writing instructor Dan Swainbank's "Mr. Vail is in Town" is now available for local history buffs and anyone looking for a good read.

The biography tells the story of Theodore N. Vail, one of the founding members of AT&T and the man whose land Lyndon State College is built on.

"As a teacher of writing I was just looking for a writing project, and at first I thought, 'eh, I don't know if I want to write about a stuffy old businessman,' but in the end I thought he had an interesting story and it's been great," Swainbank said.

The project was passed to Swainbank by Harriet Fisher, a Lyndonville historian and writer who passed

away in 2008, according to the Newport Daily Express.

"I think she [Fisher] was almost 90 years old when she realized she wasn't going to get to this," Swainbank said. "So she passed it on to another woman and she passed it on to me."

Research involved "a lot of reading" and looking at official records. He also "got in touch with his family... his great grandson and his great granddaughter. I went to New York City and met with his granddaughter... [who's] about 90 years old, 95 years old."

However, it wasn't always easy for Swainbank, and he was almost unable to find a group to underwrite the project. "I sent a letter to Lyndon Institute, Lyndon State College, the [Lyndon] Historical Society, and the Cobleigh Library, and I said,

'I'd like to carry on this project begun by Harriet Fisher, can you help me out here?' And, three of them said no but the historical society said 'You know, we'll do it.'"

While he "had a good start from Harriet's work," there were plenty of difficulties in discovering the facts. "There were... a lot of rumors and myths out there. I couldn't disprove them, but... I couldn't substantiate them either. For instance, supposedly the road from Lyndon Center up this hill is the first paved road in the state of Vermont. A whole bunch of sources say that, but nothing could prove it."

Some of the unsubstantiated claims and mistakes may come as a shock to the students and staff of LSC and LI.

"Some things were just wrong. For instance, there

are two historical markers in town, there's one right out here in front of [LSC's] new building and there's one down on Lyndon Institute Green. They're both historical markers telling about Theodore N. Vail, and they're both wrong and they both contain errors. The one down on the green has his birthday wrong."

"The one over here... implies that the whole phone business was started up on this hill, and it wasn't," Swainbank explained. "It started under Vail but it didn't start here."

All the same, Vail's importance to Lyndonville and AT&T can't be underestimated. LSC is built on his land, which he willed to the state on the condition that it be used for a school, and his house, built where Vail Hall now stands, was the first

building the college had.

"He's also very important to Lyndon Institute," Swainbank added. "He saved Lyndon Institute. He just took it over and paid all the bills for about eight years, and he left it in good shape."

As to his role in AT&T, Swainbank said, "He was right there with Alexander Graham Bell, starting with the invention of the telephone, so it's a great business success story."

Anyone interested in buying the book will be able to purchase it at the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, Green Mountain Books, or the Freight House Restaurant here in Lyndonville. Dan Swainbank will be holding a book signing in Green Mountain Books this Saturday, Nov. 6, at 2:00 p.m.

Get your scare on!

Emilie Lariviere
Entertainment Editor

Around 150 people got scared at the McGoff Hill mansion that was turned into a haunted house by senior Michael Michaud.

Michaud was very surprised at how many people showed up.

"It was almost 10 percent of the school," Michaud said. He made this event happen along with 15 actors and actresses and about five volunteers to help set up. It was offered to anyone from Lyndon.

Michaud was very pleased with the overall outcome of the event and if he was not graduating this May he would hope to plan another one for next year.

"I think a lot of people got more scared than they expected to," Michaud said.

"When it first started there was a line of 40-50 people waiting to get in. This was very exciting."

The first thing students saw were dimmed lights and things in the windows of the house. Even from the outside it looked spooky. On the porch, tombstones, a casket and some spider webs were placed.

Once inside you walked through a marked area of where to go next. Each room had a specific plan with different actors and actresses. The house had very few lights on, some of which in-

cluded flashing lights to really mess with your eyes and make it difficult to see. There was also a recording of screams playing in the background of the whole house.

It took about 10-15 minutes to walk through. There were fake bodies placed around the house along with real people playing dead. This added to the scariness of the house immensely, as it made it extremely difficult to know if they were going to jump out at you or move and grab your foot, or if in fact they didn't even have a pulse to begin with.

The house was scarier than most people expected.

Rostik Eberle, a freshman broadcast television major was one of the people in the last group to go through the house that evening. He reluctantly admitted that he did in fact get slightly scared.

"I thought it was a lot of fun," he said.

Daniel Weiner, a freshman atmosphere science major was one of the actors that had a good time. He was dressed as a mummy.

"It was a dream come true being able to see the thrill of people getting scared," Weiner said.

There have been a few people that have expressed interest to continue this idea next year. Of course depending on if the house is still available and a few other factors.

Are you and your loved one getting lazy?

Amber Hartman
Special to the Critic

In recent years many studies have been conducted about couples with associated weight gain.

In August 2002, the Obesity Research Journal performed a study that found newlyweds may have less motivation to stay physically fit. Subsequently, these individuals gain weight or have a similar body mass index to that of their partner.

This phenomenon may be happening with college couples as well. Couples beyond their first few months of dating tend to become more comfortable and less active. They may also eat out more often or influence each other's decisions to eat less

healthy. With winter right around the corner, and hibernation bound to set in, it may be time to move on.

Now I don't mean dump your loved one. I mean get up and get moving.

Working out with your partner can not only be beneficial for motivation and spotting but it can also be a lot of fun.

According to Wallace et al in the article, "Characteristics of Exercise Behavior Among College Students" published in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine, college students were significantly more likely to be active if they had the social support of their friends and/or family.

Another recent study shows that having a fitness partner can motivate you to

work out even when you don't want to, simply because you know someone is counting on you.

Think of working out with your partner as a date that you wouldn't want to miss.

Lastly, seeing each other's progress can be a strong motivator. This will help to encourage your partner to keep working towards his or her goals as well.

Convinced? Great! Now get your partner and head on down to the fitness facility. I have compiled a packet of great partner exercises that can be found at the front desk. If you need any help the friendly staff is always willing to assist in any way. So get up and move on!



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Peltier calls election unconstitutional

By Madi Cox and Sam Monroe

Dave Daly has officially taken over as administrative vice president for the Student Government Association, but one of his opponents in the election believes it was an unconstitutional victory.

"Rules are rules and when they are broken there needs to be action and repercussions," Chris Peltier, a write-in candidate for the position said in an e-mail.

Peltier believes that the way the election was held violated the SGA constitution, and therefore is invalid. He claims that because there was no public forum held for candidates to answer student body questions, as well as the fact that a video featuring Daly and Katee Ingram, another candidate played near the voting area, the election was unconstitutional.

President of SGA John Kleinhans and vice president Rachel Keller deny that any wrongdoing occurred.

"I don't think our elections were unconstitutional as people have said," Kleinhans said. "I think we took a different approach and that's how we interpreted the constitution and that was deemed valid."

As for the video that ran in the Alexander Twilight Theater lobby, Keller said the college decides what videos to play there.

"We don't have control over what goes on the kiosk and when it runs," she said, adding "The

video was for people who filled out petitions, and that's what an open forum would have been for as well."

Article V, Section 1, Clause C in the SGA constitution specifies that in an election, a public forum is mandatory, and that all candidates must attend to answer questions.

Clause D of the same article states "there will be no visible or audible campaigning within fifty (50) feet of the voting area".

Peltier said that the SGA disregarded both of these issues in the constitution.

"However, when I asked for voting numbers on Friday the constitution was thrown up as a defense," he said. "So I feel like if it can be followed so strictly to work for their advantage, then it must be followed equally as strictly when it is breached."

According to the constitution, it is up to the Board of Elections to appoint new executive board members after an impeachment occurs.

"We could have handled it in the SGA and appointed someone, but we thought that holding a campus vote would just have a ton of turnout," Kleinhans said. "And the ability to broadcast out each candidate's message, it took off. I mean, 20 percent is huge. I am very proud of the SGA to get 20 percent," Kleinhans said.

While Peltier is not formally requesting another election be



Dave Daly as administrative vice president at SGA

Photo by Eric Wayne

held, he is reaching out to work through communication issues between the SGA and the student body as a whole.

"At the very least I think the SGA owes an explanation/apology to the student body for the way the election and results were handled. Speaking as voters and students we were merely requesting vote results, and in my mind were treated as inferiors who

were on a "need to know" basis," he said. "I agree there are certain things that go on that may not be appropriate for public release, but my question is how is releasing election results to the voters detrimental?"

Peltier is hoping to work with the SGA to bring about some positive changes, speaking to Kleinhans, and meeting with Keller and SGA adviser Shannon

Healy.

"I think the fact that the Shadrock controversy has been the biggest news to come out of SGA this year is unfortunate," he said. "Let's work together to identify the problems, and constructive work towards solving them so that the LSC experience may be better enjoyed by all students, current and future."

Men's soccer just misses goal

By Phil Alexander

The Hornets men's soccer team looked like a different team this season.

After failing to qualify for the North Atlantic Conference playoffs in 2009, the 2010 edition of the Hornets made it to their first-ever NAC finals.

The Hornets had a couple of NAC standouts this season. Goalkeeper Jason Gray led the NAC with an 85.5 save percentage, and forward Patrice Lumumba was second in the NAC with 25 points. Lumumba also led the conference with five game-winning goals.

Lumumba is not afraid to have ball come his way when the team needs a key goal.

"I know I am a fast player and I can beat anybody one-

on-one. My mindset is to keep playing hard, and know that I can score a goal when we need one," Lumumba said.

The Hornets finished the regular season with 10 wins, three losses, and three ties. Four of those wins came against NAC opponents. All three of the Hornets' losses came on the road as the team did not lose a single game on its home pitch.

Jason Gray knew that the team was talented and committed from the very beginning of the season.

"In the beginning of the season the team set a goal, and that goal was to win the NAC conference. After the preseason was over and practice started, I saw a lot of talent on the team and saw the team doing well in

the conference," Gray said.

Entering the NAC playoffs as the number four seed, the Hornets were able to defeat Maine Maritime 4-1. Then, they proceeded to defeat Castleton 3-1 in the semifinals. However, the Hornets' run ended in the NAC finals with a 3-1 loss at Thomas.

Despite their loss to Thomas, Lyndon still qualified for a berth as the number seven seed in

the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament. The team went down in a hard fought 1-0 loss against Western New England College in Springfield,

Mass. on Wednesday in the ECAC quarterfinals.

"Our goal was to win it all," said head coach Pete Kellaway. "But we fell a little bit short."

Lumumba showed disappointment after the loss to Thomas, but did not given up on the team.

"I thought that we didn't play our best, and we didn't want it as much as they did. Overall, we learned about what we did wrong and how we should play things

next time," Lumumba said.

Despite a tough loss to Thomas, Gray really enjoyed this season.

"This soccer team has been a blast all season long. We have had fun, but also played really well together," Gray said.

With players like Gray and Lumumba eligible to return next season Kellaway is optimistic the team will return.

"Our team is very young," he said. "So we'll be back around."



Fram left: Coach Pete Kellaway, Ben Taylor, Tyler Bullard, and Mark Blinten

Photo by Sam Monroe

Huh, this is different

WOW!

What is going on here? You may be looking at The Critic this week and wondering why it looks so... so... old. Well, it's our birthday. 45 years ago this week, the very first issue of what was then called LYNDON CRITIC was

printed in St. Johnsbury by the Caledonian-Record.

Wow, we've come a long way. Today we are printed in North Haverhill, N.H. by Upper Valley Press. In 1945 the paper was four pages. Today we are eight pages, with some special issues going to 12.

Happy birthday, Critic.



The Critic



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Accreditation Decision To Come Dec. 3

The CRITIC Newspaper Published First Time, Since 1963

For the first time since the spring of 1963, Lyndon State College will issue a full time weekly newspaper.

With this publication the LYNDON CRITIC will begin weekly publication with the exception of Christmas and spring vacation. However, a special Christmas issue is now in the planning by the staff.

Lauren Welch, a sophomore from East Burke, will serve as editor-in-chief. Welch stated, "It is hoped that all students read and take an active interest in our first paper in several years. We of the staff of the CRITIC hope to put out a paper that all the faculty and students will be proud of."

Serving with Welch as associate editor will be Philip E. Stullerman, a junior from New York City.

News editors are: Lynn Brown, freshman from Norwich, Conn.; Bill Countryman, freshman, Northfield; Mrs. Patricia Smith, freshman from St. Albans.

Feature editor will be Bill Sackett, freshman from Island Pond with a staff of Janice Rexford, freshman from Lyndonville; George Lareau, freshman from Swanton.

Art director is Harold (Butch) Mooney, a freshman from Berkshire.

Business manager is Brien Gardiner, a junior from Schenectady, N.Y. Other advertising staff members are Robert Le-dous, freshman from Lyndonville and Robert Williams, freshman from Plainfield, N.J.

Weekly features will include student drawn cartoons, editorials, a letters - to - the - editor column for voicing opinions, and local sports. Also included will be full campus news coverage and plans are being made for presenting fact, and opinions on news events on the national and international scene.

The four pages, with some special issues to go to eight pages, will be published by the Caledonian-Record in St. Johnsbury.

All papers will be available to students at no cost. The paper is financed by revenues appropriated by the Student Government.

Faculty advisor is Dr. Robert T. Rickert, dean of students and

a professor of English. Technical advisor is Mrs. Betty M. Rickert.

Lyndon State College made its second attempt at accreditation this year.

On Oct. 3, 4 and 5, three Representatives of the standing Committee on Institutions of Higher Education, New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools vi-

sited the college.

The N.E.A.C.S.S. is the regional accrediting agency for New England.

The Visitation Committee was composed of Dr. Thomas H. Reynolds, dean of Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vt., who served as chairman of the committee; Miss Evelyn I. Banning

professor of psychology and education at Wheaton College, Norton, Mass., and Dr. Kenneth T. H. Brooks, President of Gorham State Teachers College, Gorham, Me.

The purpose of the committee according to Dr. Robert E. Long, President of the college, were to study and evaluate the program of the college. Basically the committee was looking for the definite objectives of the college and the effectiveness of the college in realizing these objectives.

Before the Visiting Committee arrived they were furnished an analysis and report of the college called "The Purposes of Lyndon State College and Its Means and Achieving Them." The 150 page report was prepared by the faculty and staff and written by Dr. Long.

While on the campus, committee members visited classes, toured the physical plant and talked with administration, faculty, staff and students.

After their visit the committee prepared a full report of its findings. This report will be turned over, with their recommendations, to the Standing Committee of the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The final decision on accreditation for the college will be made by the Association on Dec. 3 at a meeting in Boston.

Lyndon State College is already accredited by the State of Vermont.

The first attempt at gaining accreditation was made in 1962. At that time accreditation was not approved.



Accreditation team pauses for picture taking session with Dr. Robert Long. They are (l to r) Dr. Thomas H. Reynolds, dean of the college, Middlebury College, Middlebury; Dr. Long, president of Lyndon State College; Miss Evelyn I. Banning, professor of psychology and education, Wheaton College, Norton, Mass.; and Dr. Kenneth T. H. Brooks, president of Gorham State Teacher College, Gorham, Me. Dr. Reynolds was chairman of the visiting committee.

Book Store Moves To 'In The Round'

The college bookstore has recently moved into new quarters. It is now located on the main floor of the north tower.

With the additional space afforded by the new quarters, plans are being made to greatly increase the selection of paperbacks as well as adding new features.

One of the new features, now seen in the bookstore, is the addition of a record department.

The selection of paperbacks as well as adding new features.

One of the new features, now seen in the bookstore, is the addition of a record department.

The selection includes current popular music, as well as some semi-classical selections.

The textbook department will be moved onto the balcony as soon as necessary alterations have been completed. This will make available all the shelf space on the main floor, for the expanded paperback department.

The bookstore was originally set up and operated by the stu-

dents. Three years ago, when Mrs. Peg Kamens took over operation of the book store, it was in debt. It was just this year that the bookstore has shown a small profit.

The bookstore is open between 9 a.m. and 12 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday. "You are welcome to come

in and browse around," Mrs. Kamens said.

The bookstore does not have the facilities to buy used textbooks, however, a representative from Barnes and Noble will be in the bookstore twice this year for that purpose.

The dates of the visits will be announced.



Mrs. Margaret Kamens, manager of the Bookstore

Radio Club To Produce Weekly Saturday Show

Nov. 13 at 1:15 p.m. will mark the beginning of radio endeavors of Lyndon State College.

Beginning on that date, LSC will have a radio program over WTWN AND WIKL every Saturday at 1:15.

This program will be put on entirely by the students through the newly formed Radio Club.

The usual procedure will be to tape the program during the week but a few times during the year the program will be done live from the St. Johnsbury station for the experience

of live broadcasting.

The program is an endeavor to increase community interest in and understanding of the college. It will serve as a public relations agent for the college and as a forum for the students and faculty to express views on matters of contemporary importance.

A regular feature of the program will be the Student Editorials. Any student who wishes will be allowed to state his opinion, however controversial, on any topic of contemporary interest to the community.

SGA ponders the idea of a second fall break

Madi Cox
Managing Editor

The Student Government Association meeting ended quickly, but representatives still managed to discuss a wide range of topics.

One such topic was presented by Nick Russo, the vice president of residential, commuter, and non-traditional affairs. Russo is working with others on an idea to create a second break in the fall semesters at Lyndon State College, beginning in 2012. According to Russo, the

added break would take place in mid-October, and would run tentatively from Tuesday to Thursday. However, adding this break would shorten the amount of time students at LSC have off in November.

Representatives generally had positive feedback about the proposed change in the academic calendar.

According to commuter representative Margaret George, she has spoken to many students in her classes, and many agree that October is a good time for a break.

"Everyone gets kind of burnt out by mid-October," she said.

Associate Dean of Student Affairs Jonathan Davis agreed, adding that a break like this would help students suffering with seasonal affective disorder, as well as stress.

"I'm a proponent of it just as a major stress reliever for students," he said. "I think we really need this."

The representatives of SGA will be getting feedback from students for the time being, as the faculty also discusses the possibilities.

Dave Daly, the newly elected administrative vice president of SGA, was welcomed in officially by the representatives.

The SGA voted to give \$381.25 toward the cost of the fan bus that took roughly 40 students to Waterville, Maine to the men's soccer championship last week, as well as \$88 toward pots and pans for both the Rita Bole and Wheelock kitchens at the request of second-year representative Arianna Millington.

The Paranormal Club was officially voted into the SGA

as well. President of the club Montana Marshia spoke at the meeting.

"We want to investigate places that are supposedly haunted," she said, adding that most of the equipment the club will need comes second-hand from other paranormal-seekers, but also includes digital cameras and recorders.

In other business, representative of the Student Investment Group Andrew Chapin nominated Alyssa Sylvia to serve as second-year representative. This motion was approved.

Former LSC hornet joins state senate

Aaron Kormos
News Correspondent

A Lyndon State graduate has buzzed his way into the senate after this month's election.

"There's finally a Hornet in the Senate," said newly elected State Senator Joe Benning.

Caledonia County has two seats in the state senate, which were filled last Tuesday by Jane Kitchel, the Democratic incumbent candidate, and Benning, a local attorney and alumnus of Lyndon State College who ran on the Republican ticket.

Over the weekend, Benning was ahead by less than 140 votes compared to Democratic incumbent Matthew Choate, but Choate has stated that he will not seek a recount if the numbers do not change drastically.

Both candidates were humble in their victory, with Kitchel saying she is "obviously very relieved and

pleased."

However, she was disappointed with the numbers in this year's election due to the decline in the number of Democrats who participated.

Senators Kitchel and Benning both say that one of the toughest issues that they were faced with in this year's election was the budget. In fact, during the race they both used the budget as an example of why they should be elected into office.

They each have different ideas about how to solve the budget problem, and different views regarding how long the problem has been going on and if Vermont has been dealing with it.

"It's not a new phenomenon," Kitchel said.

Kitchel said that she is confident that Vermont has faced similar budget problems in the past and that this year is no exception.

"It's easy to talk about reducing in the abstract. It's when you take away benefits

it becomes difficult," Kitchel said.

She went on to say that these cuts have already been going on, and added that Benning doesn't mention health-care in his plans for the budget, which she feels is one of the most important issues.

Benning also feels that the budget is the problem and says that his views differ from those in the campaign promises made by governor elect Peter Shumlin surrounding this issue. He does feel that if he approaches the budget problem with the right mindset, however, that cooperation shouldn't be a problem.

Both candidates believe that they can work well regardless of any differences.

"We are both Vermonters and both facing the same budget deficit," said Benning.

Benning graduated from LSC in 1979 and might be most remembered here as the first general manager of WWLR, LSC's radio station.

E2 campus emergency system keeps students informed

Kevin Lessard
News Correspondent

Students now have a way to stay informed about any emergencies that may occur on campus.

Lyndon's e2 Campus Emergency Alert System allows students to access this information through their cell phones or e-mail quickly. This system was set up through Public Safety, and led by director George Hacking.

"After the Virginia Tech shooting a few years ago, a lot of systems came into play," said Hacking. "We decided it was something we needed."

The idea of the system is to get as much information to the students as soon as possible, and to allow them to react to the situation appropriately. A layered approach is what would be happening, where people who receive the information tell others who don't have that information, and it continues until everyone is aware.

Once the emergency has identified by Public Safety, the system sends out a message, whether it is an e-mail or text. This message will usually contain what the event is, where it is happening, and who to contact if necessary.

"Any college campus that doesn't have any sort of system or plan for an emergency is acting irresponsible," said Hacking.

Hacking is hoping to get more people to sign up for the

service, particularly students.

"I think that it's a great idea," said Adam Mozišek, an LSC student. "I think people would like to know what to do in an emergency event, so who wouldn't want to sign up for it?"

The e2 Campus Emergency Alert System has been in existence here on campus for about two and a half years, yet only 350 people are signed up for the service. Hacking says that more faculty and staff are signed up than students.

"Any system is only as good as the students that buy into it," said Hacking. "And the system is very easy to sign-up for."

Anyone who is interested in signing up for the service can go to the Public Safety page in the "About Lyndon" section on the school website. There is a link on the page, which brings you to the sign-up page for the e2 system. They will then be asked to provide some basic information, such as their names and cell phone numbers.

"It's very easy to sign-up for," said Hacking.

Although Hacking said it has only been used for test purposes, the system up and ready to go in the event that there is a serious emergency on campus.

Anyone who wants more information on the e2 Campus Emergency Alert system is encouraged to contact George Hacking.

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More money, more parking

Joseph Peters

News Correspondent

Commuter parking at LSC can be a sensitive subject, to say the least.

"It is freaking terrible," said Lindsey Fitch, a junior at LSC.

"I feel like I have to get to school by 8 a.m. to get a spot," said Sarah Saggerson, another LSC junior.

"People are driving around like crazy," Fitch said. "I've almost gotten into three accidents because people are driving around trying to find a spot."

The public safety department has a vastly different perception of the parking situation on campus. They claim the parking situation at LSC this year is much better than it was last year.

"It's not as crazy on Tues-

day and Thursday," said George Hacking, the director of public safety. "Lower Vail hasn't ever been full this year, and there's always been room in Stonehenge."

For many commuters, the Stonehenge lot—with its narrow lanes and questionable pavement—may be part of the problem.

"It's inconvenient," said Rebecca Allen, a senior at LSC. "It's really far away."

Hacking argues that not every parking spot is created equal.

"Everyone wants front row parking," Hacking said. "In that sense, there'll never be enough parking, because there'll never be enough front-row parking."

The rush to claim front-row parking is one of the biggest issues for commuters.

"I dread the parking race

every day on my ride to school," Saggerson said. "It sucks."

Compounding the problem is the fact that many commuters have neglected to pick up parking decals for their vehicles. Technically, without these decals, commuters don't have permission to park on campus and are susceptible to a \$50 fine, although that isn't the only thing commuters can be fined for.

"One time I couldn't find parking and I was running late to class," Allen said, "so I parked on the grass like a hundred other people were and I got a \$50 fine for it."

"I got a \$50 ticket for parking in visitor parking," Fitch said. "How do they know I'm not a visitor?"

Refusing to pay the fine won't get you off the hook, either.

"I told them I wasn't going to pay it," Allen said. "They just put it on my student account."

Occasionally, fines aren't enough to keep a student from parking illegally.

"Rarely do we tow a vehicle," Hacking said. "Maybe one or two per year, only when someone's received several tickets and doesn't take the hint."

Of course, fines can be avoided simply by parking in designated areas and picking up a commuter decal, which is currently free.

Many other colleges charge for parking decals, an idea that Hacking has considered.

But, Hacking said, "I wouldn't want the decal money used for anything besides parking."

In the current system, fine

money goes directly to the college, meaning that public safety essentially polices the parking lot for free. By charging for decals, the department would be able to spend money on improving the parking situation.

"I wouldn't mind doing that," Hacking said, "and rolling the money into signage, putting a person in the lot to help students find parking, put up signs when the lots are full, fix potholes. That could be a job for a student."

It's probably impossible to create a parking situation that pleases all commuter students. Still, it's hard to deny that the current parking situation leaves many commuters with a sour taste in their mouth. A little TLC—and a little extra income—could go a long way.

LSC students taking over public safety

Kevin Lessard

News Correspondent

Next time you call Public Safety to unlock your door, it may be one of your classmates.

Lyndon State College has eight part time Public Safety student-officers who work part-time on campus.

They usually work about eight to twelve hours a week, and during this time, they have a wide range of duties and jobs to handle.

"I just tell people what they can and cannot do," said Lindsay Hoyt, a student officer on campus.

Her job consists of many responsibilities, from locking buildings at night, to checking the boiler rooms on campus.

During the day, most student officers are answering the phones in the public safety office.

Hoyt said that when she answers the phone, she does anything from transferring calls to answering questions the best that she can.

George Hacking, director of public safety at LSC, works with the eight student officers on a daily basis. He also works with three full-time officers, and two more part-time officers.

"The difference between us, the non student officers

and the student officers, is that we are held to a higher standard of work than the students," said Hacking, "especially when it comes to situations on campus, hours, and action taken when responding to calls."

Although the full-time officers are held to a higher standard, this does not mean that a student officer cannot document students.

"I usually document the situation and write down the room number," Hoyt said.

"Then I give the information to the officers who can deal with it when they are on duty."

Hacking said that the student officers are there to assist the full-time officers.

Their responsibilities are to help with duties such as boiler room checks and looked doors so that the full-time officers can handle situations involving violence or student safety.

If there are no officers available, then the situation is usually dealt with by the residence hall directors.

"We work together all the time on a lot of things," said Hacking about residence life on campus.

"The key thing is knowing your resources and who to call for information and help," said Hacking.

Embedded students provide assistance to fellow classmates

Justin Chenett

Critic Staff

The Academic Support Center is rolling out a new pilot program aimed at further assisting students in the most challenging courses.

The program is referred to as "supplemental instruction" and was created at the University of Missouri at Kansas City. The basic concept is to zero in on difficult courses as opposed to specific students that are having difficulties to provide more broad range assistance.

In theory, there would be two 'master or lead' students that are embedded in a particular course that students have had difficulties with in the past. Both paid students have to be recommended by a faculty member from within the department and had to have previously taken the course.

"They sit in on classes that they have already taken and excelled in and provide model student behavior by asking frequent questions, turning in work, helping other students out, and leading a one-hour study session outside of class," said Deb Bailin, the director of student academic development.

The one-hour study session outside of class would be a requirement built into the curriculum of the course. By embedding the student leads into the course, they will get the same experience as the

current class with the same notes, discussions, and assignments. When signing up for classes before a given semester, the letters SI will be listed to reference supplemental instruction.

The program is currently in its pilot stages as one class has implemented the idea. This semester's managerial accounting course has two student leads and is being funded by Project Compass.

"It's not a teacher's assistant at all," Bailin said. "They aren't really a tutor either."

If the pilot is successful it will head to the administration for a full funding request. While the exact costs are unknown at this point, it would be "expensive", according to Bailin.

Current Academic Support Center tutor, Josh Cook, is interested in being a lead student in the program.

"I enjoyed taking those classes, so I would enjoy being in there and helping out," said Cook. "Helping

people learn is one of my favorite things because I love learning."

"If you were drowning and someone comes by with a life preserver would you say I don't need it?" Bailin said, referring to students who may not feel comfortable seeking out help.

"I think that would help a lot," said sophomore James Ralston. "If the professor is not available then you have a second option."

Some faculty has raised concerns over the required nature of the study session, as well as concerns about students purposefully choosing non-'SI' courses. Bailin believes that one way to alleviate that would be to have it for all sections of particular courses, avoiding a possible mad rush away from the extra hour student session.

The estimated date for a full rollout upon budget, department, and faculty approval is fall of 2011.

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Twilight Players 'play on' this weekend



Candice Kopec
Critic Staff

It's on: the Twilight Players are ready. And it's for "Play On."

The latest production put on by Lyndon's theater club opened last night and will be seen five shows in all.

Wednesday evening, in the Alexander Twilight Theatre, players had their dress rehearsal of "Play On". Before the crew began, they gathered on stage and spoke encouraging words to one another about how this would be the last run-through before they performed in front of an actual audience. They all had very high energy levels and seemed psyched to have ac-

complished such a great play.

When you first see "Play On" you may be confused and begin to think that they haven't started yet, but really, the play is based on a play. The characters all play different roles within a play; some get along just fine, some fight, some find one another irresistible, some just plain old forget their lines, and conflicts arise.

The play shows the many struggles that players and the producer go through while trying to plan a play as well as learning their lines.

It was exciting to watch for the reason that everyone plays their part so well, and complement each other's roles. The show was humor-

ous, which I loved and kept me enticed throughout the play.

"Play On" was written by Rick Abbot and produced by Samuel French Inc. The players include Owen Fogg, Dan Haycook, Ohanga Freddie Losambe, Kim Stacy, Nikki Slabinski, Jake Machell, Dave Daly, and Megan Hinds.

"Play On" is being performed in the Alexander Twilight Theatre four more times this weekend, Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. Any member of the community is welcome to come watch the play. Admission is by donation. The play is highly recommended to watch. It's hilarious!

Clockwise by photo:

- Ohanga Losambe and Kim Stacy entertain the crowd.
- Megan Hinds, Ohanga Losambe, Dave Daly, and Kim Stacy react to Jake Machell falling onstage.
- Dave Daly gets a good laugh.
- Noah Fink, Ohanga Losambe, Kim Stacy, Jake Machell, Megan Hinds, Dan Hollis, and Nikki Slabinski act.
- The Twilight Players gather onstage.

"Play On" is the Twilight Players' fall play. When this show concludes at the end of the week, the club will begin preparations for its spring play, which will be a musical.

Photos by Tela Lury and Brittany Lorraine.





Clockwise by photo:

- Dan Hollis, Owen Fogg, Jen Morin, Caitlin Kolson, and Noah Fink act out the play within the play.
- Megan Hinds sits onstage.
- Megan Hinds, Dan Hollis, and Caitlin Kolson build the set for the play.
- Dan Hollis Ohanga Losambe, and Kim Stacy talk.

The play runs Friday through Sunday.

Admission is by donation.

Everyone in the community is invited to watch as the Twilight Players act out the play within the play in "Play On".

Photos by Tela Lury and Brittany Lorraine.



Beer and burger for ten bucks!

Emilie Lariviere
Entertainment Editor

The restaurant once known as F. Scotts on 818 Broad St. in Lyndonville that was vacant for some time was purchased by Ron Barrett. His son, Matt Barrett, executive chef and owner of Timbuktu's opened the business on July 15th at this new location. They were originally in Waterford, Vt.

The name of this restaurant is a tribute to Matt's grandfather Allen Lyster. It was a saying he used to always say to Matt. The name is very unique from other businesses but doesn't exactly tell you what type of restaurant they are, other than different.

The restaurant: It is a bar and grill restaurant and has a laid back, relaxing atmosphere encouraging college students to come, as well as welcome to families.

The menu: The dinner menu is very unique and like no other, however, I feel like it looks like it's very aesthetically off-putting. The lunch, gluten-free, and dessert menu however are very much more artistic. The menu items, how-

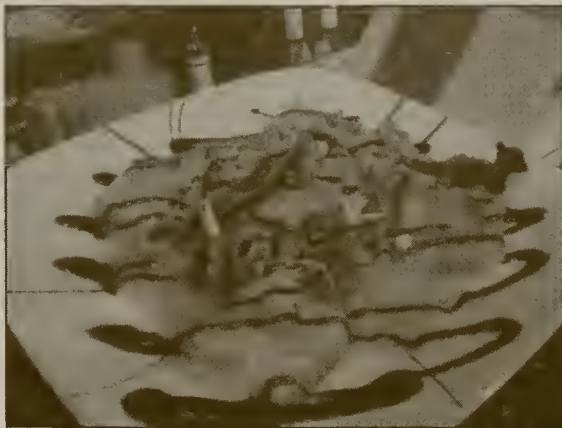


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"Frank the Tank" Homemade fried mozzarella discs with arugula salad and house-made sweet marinara sauce with a balsamic reduction surprisingly went amazing together. All for only \$8.95.

ever I liked very much, as they have names of songs for their dishes and are very unique. This is not your normal pizza or burger joint and this area has been in need of a change.

The service: It was outstanding! I could not have asked for better service. Before I could even finish my drink I had a new one and as I set my fork down she was there asking if I needed anything else. Very pleased!

Price: The price is perfect as it has something for every

one. You can choose an entrée ranging from \$8.95 to \$21.95. They also have soups, salads, and appetizers that are also at a cheaper price. This menu makes it perfect for if you are looking to not spend much or if you are looking for that fancier meal and wanting to spend a little more than

normal.

Food quality: I was VERY impressed with the quality of the food. According to the manager, 90 percent of their food products are made in house. All of their salad dressings, sauces, and breads are made fresh in house. What they do not make in house is purchased as local as they possibly can, supporting our local businesses. I ate the vegetarian pasta dish for lunch which didn't just have a few vegetables but a full array of vegetables, pasta and a sauce that I had never had anything similar to. I was very pleased with my meal and plan to return to dine there again as my dining experience was very pleasant and the food impressed me.

Specials: Currently they have Tuesday-night wing night where they sell hot wings for only 40 cents each. Wednesday nights they have Mexican night which I am

looking forward to trying and Thursdays they have beer and a burger for just \$10.00. These specials are not just for the college-aged but at the same time are focused towards us trying to get the college crowd.

Future plans: In the future they plan to open for brunch either on Saturdays or Sundays. They also are in the process of discussing to have a karaoke night to attract the college students.

Overall: I encourage you all to try Timbuktu's. They have changed their menu and prices since opening in July and it is suitable for the college students, whether you are looking for a place to take a date, dinner with the girls, or drinks and appetizers with your friends. This restaurant is a must try, at least once. It is not for everyone, just as not every restaurant is, but it is worth your time and money to check out.

Free music lessons

Paul Shaw
Critic Staff

Every semester for three nights Bill Cotte teaches music to the public in the Burke Mountain Room.

It's free for everyone and the public is invited to join. It's about the history of music from the 20th century. This Monday will be the third part of the three-night series.

In the second session, Cotte started the night by saying that he is going to talk more about Toscanini that night. He then talked about how they used to record these huge orchestras back in the beginning of the century with wax.

He also went into detail about the Victor Talking Machine Company. This was one of the first music players of its time. Many of the people in the audience had questions on how the recording worked and what was the difference between the recording disks. Cotte answered their questions on how they were recorded.

"I would love to show you all one of Toscanini's first recordings," Cotte said.

He played to the class Beethoven's 9th Symphony

performed by Toscanini.

As he started to play the music many of the people in the audience sat back in their chairs and let the music take them away.

Bob Ketchum, a resident from Sheffield, Vt., has come to the past two sessions and enjoys it greatly.

"I come every week for this. It is an asset for the community," he said. He travels just to hear what Cotte has to teach. "We make the long drive from Sheffield Heights just to come see this, no matter what the weather conditions are."

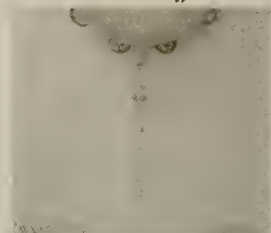
Cotte played Toscanini orchestrating Richard Wagner's pieces Euryanthe Overture and Lohengrin. He went into great detail about Toscanini and his lifestyle and what he did with the theater.

"I love having the public indulge in the class room because people love to come and learn about the great composers," Cotte said at the end of the night.

I learned a lot from this music session. It's a great way to learn about great composers. The next class is this Monday, November 15 at 7 p.m. in the Burke Mountain Room.

The Forgotten Album Review

Justin Golschneider
Critic Staff



Album: Measures
Artist: Walking Sleep
Year: 2010
Suggested by: Emilie Lariviere

Welcome to the Forgotten Album Review, where we take the music the world missed out on and bring it to the light! This week's album is 'Measures' by the indie rock band Walking Sleep, and I guarantee it'll get stuck in your head.

Music: Catchy hooks, medium-fast tempos, and big, dramatic buildups define many of the songs on this album. While built around the standard rock instruments - guitar, bass, and drums - they also employ plentiful keyboard, strings, and chimes. There are plenty of melodic solos for virtually every instrument, with three in one song not being unusual.

The melodies feel like the happiest, most optimistic person you know losing everything they have, then more. They're still trying to force that smile as they talk

about their house burning down with their cat inside. This perfectly complements the lyrics and gives the album a feeling of irony.

Lyrics and vocals: The lyrics are far darker than one would expect from music this light. Singing about such topics as mental and emotional trauma, nightmares, manslaughter, and wandering an apocalyptic landscape alone in a singsong style, it's hard to tell whether to laugh or feel disturbed. The wide range of topics and brave choice of subject matter puts Walking Sleep a notch above most other bands.

Almost every line is sung with perfect male and female vocal harmony, mixed on such an equal level that neither quite seems to take the lead. This makes it lose some of the power that it lends to bands that use such harmonies sparingly but gives it a more interesting texture in general. In a few rare instances, one voice will drop out or additional ones will

come in.

Variety and originality: The only thing that's constant about the lyrics is their dark subject matter, and the musicians do a great deal of different things to keep each song fresh. For example, the guitars change between traditional chords, clean electric guitar, and the occasional distorted solo, while the keyboard changes its voice frequently. While Walking Sleep's style is similar to plenty of older music, such choices keep it feeling unique.

Final word: Out of all the albums I've reviewed so far, this maintained my attention better than any other. I highly recommend it - if the music doesn't hook you, the lyrics will. Thumbs up!

You can listen to and buy 'Measures' at <http://walkingsleep.bandcamp.com>.

The Forgotten Album Review needs your help! Send suggestions for next week's album to justin.golschneider@lsc.vsc.edu.

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Eating with Emilie

Emilie Lariviere
Entertainment
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Chef's Corner

As this is our last issue before Thanksgiving I wanted to share with you a personal recipe that I make every year for our Thanksgiving table. Most people always have turkey, cranberry sauce, stuffing, vegetable dishes, and bread. My family has all of these dishes and this noodle dish. To me, most good meals need pasta. This dish started out from my mom, who would make it years and years ago. It was good but the recipe got lost, so one year I finally decided to make my own and see if it would be similar to hers and it's now the recipe I make year after year. Thanksgiving has many traditions, so perhaps if you're with family, friends or alone on this holiday, this recipe is one you could try.

What's cooking in the kitchen?

Emilie's Noodles Romanoff

Ingredients:

1 bag of egg noodles
bread crumbs
½ cup sour cream
1 cup cottage cheese
½ cup beef broth
1 tsp parsley
1 tsp basil
1 tsp oregano
salt and pepper

Instructions:

Pre-heat oven for 350, take a stock pot full of water and bring to a boil. Add noodles and cook for 8-10 minutes or until soft. Strain water out and then place in a bowl. Add sour cream, cottage cheese, beef broth, and spices. Stir lightly so you don't break the pasta. Pour into a 9x9 baking dish or a 13x9 pan and then sprinkle a dusting of bread crumbs on top of the dish, enough to lightly coat the top. Bake for 30-45 minutes, until the top is golden brown and the liquid is bubbling slightly.

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Nutritional Aspect

Cottage cheese is actually very good for you and contains little fat. It is high in omega 3 and 6 fatty acids, also containing vitamin A, B6, B12, C, D, E and K. It also contains thiamin, riboflavin and folic acid. These are all great but what does it mean? Folic acid helps with cell growth and reproduction. Riboflavin is great for producing energy, good skin and healthy eyes and thiamin maintains appetite and growth. Have I proven my point to you that cottage cheese is very good for you? Next time you are thinking of good healthy snacks that also taste good, consider cottage cheese as one.

If you have any questions or recipes you want to submit you can email me at: emilie.lariviere@lyndonstate.edu

Be thankful for Thanksgiving

Ryan Longe
Critic Staff

Grab your drumsticks, get your mashed potatoes and gravy on; it's that time of year again! Yes, I am talking about Thanksgiving, with its vast variety of foods; some hot, some cold, some sweet, and others just right. No matter what your fancy when it comes to this holiday, one thing for sure is you will walk away from the table just as stuffed as that bird you just devoured.

This time of year for me is one of my favorites, Christmas being my other favorite. Now, this glorious food-filled festival of a holiday may be focused around a feast fit for kings, but I have one reason why other than the food for favoring this particular holiday. The reason I like this holiday so much is it's a time where I get to hang out and enjoy the company of my entire family. I have a very big family that all comes together on this day. Celebrating of course the Thanksgiving feast, but more importantly they celebrate the time in which we all come together and share some good laughs.

Now, since this is a college newspaper it wouldn't be right to not relate something

to college. Well, here is another reason why I enjoy Thanksgiving so much. It is the fact that I have a week of no classes, no worries and more importantly no homework! With that said, shame on you professors who assign massive amounts of homework on Thanksgiving break. This time is for we students to relax from the 11 weeks we have been working our butts off to bring home the grades! This week-long break for some of us is the only time besides winter break that we get to see our friends and family back home, not worry about writing a paper, reading a book or solving assignments 3,5,7,9 and 21-70 on pages 414-430.

I hope that you all can enjoy your holiday season and have fun with friends and family by stuffing your face and having some much needed and well earned laughs. To students, staff and faculty, enjoy your week off and go have some fun! If you have homework, just remember this; don't worry about it over break because you know you're going to be doing it Sunday night after you get back on campus! Enjoy and happy gobble gobble day (Thanksgiving)!

Be thankful for these horoscopes

Capricorn

December 22 – January 19

The post office. As a distrustful Capricorn, there are very few things that you trust to come through for you. The post office is one of few you can count on.

Aquarius

January 20 – February 18

Natural disaster. They say that many of the great humanitarians share the Aquarius sign... and without natural disaster and other dilemma, what would you donate your valuable free time to?

Pisces

February 19 – March 20

Weekends. A key weakness of Pisces individuals is that they are lazy! Without the weekend to lounge and "veg out," this trait would affect your work and schoolwork even more than it already does.

Aries

March 21 – April 19

Alcohol-energy drink hybrids. Ya know, because they help you party at the level you desire.

Taurus

April 20 – May 20

Chinatown in New York City. You're very materialistic—but it can be very difficult keeping up with the latest and greatest. Thankfully, Chinatown is there to feed your needs at a discount!

Gemini

May 21 – June 20

Your friends. You are far too indecisive to figure out your Saturday night plans for yourself—but your friends are there to help map it out for you.

Cancer

June 21 – July 22

This Thanksgiving, YOU are what we are thankful for!

Leo

July 23 – August 22

Facebook. Your efforts as an ambitious, confident person do not go unnoticed—Facebook serves as the perfect platform for you to brag about your latest conquest

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Virgo

August 23 – September 22

They say that Virgos are helpful, reliable and precise people. You are regularly compared to a clock in this regard. Therefore, let's be thankful for the clock.

Libra

September 23 – October 22

Norway. As a diplomatic, peaceful person, Norway serves as a model country for you to use in all of your anti-war arguments.

Scorpio

October 23 – November 21

Yourself. You Scorpions sure do love yourselves...

Sagittarius

November 22 – December 21

Al Gore. All of you unemotional, monotone, robot-like people need someone to look up to, after all.

What's up on campus

Tonight at 9 p.m.

Poker Night

in ASAC 100

Monday, Nov. 15

Free Skate

9:30 - 10:30 p.m.

Fenton Chester Arena

Tuesday, Nov. 16

U.S. Army National Guard

Representative

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

in Student Center

Talent Auditions

6-10 p.m.

in ASAC 100

Wednesday, Nov. 17

Jean Charles is giving a fall

recital at 12 p.m.

in the library

Gel Scapes

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

in the Student Center

LSC's Speed Networking

at 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

in the Burke Mountain Room

Operation Christmas Child

Packing Event

at 7 p.m.

in Student Center

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

11/5

*Keep your hands to yourself.
Arnold - sex offense

11/6

*But I haven't finished
microwaving my pizza pocket...
Poland -
failure to leave during a fire
alarm

11/8

*No [cigarette] butts about it.
Rogers - smoking violation

*That was a heart-stopper!

ATT - Automated external
defibrillator out of service

*I'd like to order 9,000

mozzarella sticks, please.

Hornet's Nest - prank calls

11/10

*My car is now a tricycle.
Stonehenge parking lot -
unknown person removed
tire from Subaru



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Singing proudly, singing loudly

In celebration of Veterans Day, President Carol Moore leads other members of the faculty in singing the National Anthem. Groups of faculty, staff and students sang all over campus Thursday, spreading the spirit of gratitude. From the left, Carol Moore, Sandy Franz, Darcie Miles, a guest of the college, Bob Whitaker, Tracy Sherbrook, Elaine Fournier, Erin Rossetti and Tom Archer. All of the groups that sang stopped outside and faced the flag pole in the center of campus. The singing took place at 11 a.m.

Have a big test? Try not to stress

Kelleigh Duffy
Correspondent

Students of Lyndon State College can take a deep breath, and relax because the semester is almost over.

This time of year during the fall semester, as I'm sure most of you already know, is very stressful. There are no real breaks until Thanksgiving, and then it is cram time for final exams, which will be coming at us faster than a spider monkey after the break.

Not only does stress and anxiety affect our mental health, it affects our physical being as well. There is a long list of negative physical effects of stress in one's life which includes the following, but is not limited to: headaches, muscle pains, acne, constant fatigue, frequent heartburn, shortness of breath, excessive weight gain or decreased weight, stomach ulcers, cardiovascular disorders, and increased vulnerability to infection.

"It's that way every year around this time," said Sam Silderman, counselor at the Brown House, about the increase in stressed-out students making appointments.

"This time of the semester I am always doing work. I have major projects and tests in all my classes and it seems like they all happen at the same time," said Matt Nicklis, a junior in mountain recreation.

How can you reduce the nervous tension in your life? First, stop stressing about being stressed. Although it sounds impractical, it's true. If you are constantly worrying about worrying you are will achieve nothing but a headache from it. Accept that you are stressed. Accept that you are dealing with more than you may have chosen to. Then from there, develop a reasonable plan of attack and become proactive.

When making a conscious decision to be practical about what you

need to do in order to succeed and get through the remainder of the semester, you gain a sense of control back. Create a reasonable and attainable goal list. Include dates and times you have available to get the work done. Then, head to the library and achieve what you set out to do.

Once you feel like you have a sensible target list, find a physical activity you enjoy, for this is a vital and very effective way to relieve anxiety. This does not mean you have to go to the gym if that is not your cup of tea. There are many ways on and off campus to get your heart pumping. The rock wall is a fun and great workout. You can also utilize the pool with a few of your friends, or just simply go for a hike or walk outside in beautiful Vermont. Although aerobic exercises are the most effective for relieving apprehension, any form of physical activity will make a healthy, relieving impact.

Also, avoid an unhealthy, stress prone diet. Make sure you are eating breakfast and spacing your meals and snacks out throughout the day. Avoid large amounts of caffeine and sugar. Although that super-sized coffee may get you going on homework, it depletes the body's storage of vitamin B. Also -take a daily vitamin supplement containing high amounts of Vitamin B and C.

Lastly, have a sense of humor about the issues you are dealing with involving school. In the grand scheme of things, a bad grade on a mid-term or a research paper is not the end of the world. Also, make sure you include some personal time somewhere within your hectic schedule to relax and perhaps listen to some music, read, or watch a movie. Don't worry Lyndon State; the countdown is on until winter break, and the fresh start to a spring semester.

Your greens may soon get greener

Timothy Christ
Correspondent

That salad you eat at the dining hall next spring might come from a garden plot on campus, tended by your fellow students.

The Students for Campus Conservation is a group that analyzes how the campus works, in terms of recycling and the sort. They also think of ways to make the campus more "green".

One of the new ideas that they had was to set up a gardening plot. The plot is located on the McGoff Hill property that the school had purchased.

"The idea of the plot is to grow a good amount of vegetables that we can then sell to Aramark. Then they could use the vegetables in the dining hall," president of the club Ryan Jean said.

The club also currently places recycling bins outside, as well as in all of the residence halls in an effort to encourage recycling, and they continue to think of new ideas to improve the campus' environment.

"We're always going to try our best to think of new innovations for the campus. To help the campus is a part of helping the world," Jean said.

Some other steps the campus has taken include using more efficient lighting within the buildings (as well as the Stonehenge courtyard lights),

using less raw materials, and composting waste.

"We are also expecting to have a solar array setup as soon as the funds are received, which will serve as a great hands-on learning experience with our Energy and the Environment class, as well as the public," SGA representative Danielle Jepson said.

The club believes that the campus could benefit from becoming sustainable.

"I think that the notion of being 'green' has gone up in the past few years. I still do not think that the average person knows what sustainability encompasses however. It is finding the balance between acting environmentally as well as economically responsible," Jepson said.

The Students for Campus Conservation is in a rebuilding period, and are welcoming to anyone who wishes to help pitch in.

"I think that it is most important to not only educate those within the LSC system, but to take the steps in order to pass along this knowledge, Jepson said. "This is what I hope as a club we can achieve, since the more informed people are, the better they are at passing along this knowledge.

For more information on meeting times as well as general information, contact club president Ryan Jean at Ryan.Jean@lyndonstate.edu.



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Hornets to open season vs. Plattsburgh

Eric Blaisdell
Critic Staff

After a strong showing in the preseason game the Hornets will face their strongest competition on Monday.

The Lyndon State College men's basketball team beat the University of Quebec at Montreal handily on Nov. 4 by a score of 86-68. Coach Joe Krupinski was satisfied with the result.

"We did a lot of things right out there," said Krupinski. "Everybody contributed and played their role."

Junior guard Jose Fortunado was happy with how his team performed.

"The team gave 40 minutes of straight energy no matter who was in," said Fortunado. "We held a pretty good team to 65 points."

Without LSC's best rebounder, Jason Gray, the Hornets still hit the glass.

"We rebounded the ball pretty well, especially early on," said Krupinski. "Considering that they were a bigger team, one of the best things they do is offensive rebound. We held that in check."

Sophomore Jason Gray recently finished up the men's soccer season as the starting goalie. He pulled down a team best 9.6 rebounds per game last season. The soccer

season just ended before Monday's regular season opener and coach Krupinski expects Gray will play.

"He'll be playing at least a little bit on Monday," said Krupinski. "Until we get him back in the fold I'm not sure exactly how good we can be."

In Gray's absence the team has discovered depth of talent that it lacked last year.

"We have a lot of players that can come in and contribute," said Fortunado. "As opposed to last year when we caught ourselves with the same players playing for a long time causing them to wear out."

The home opener is

against the Plattsburgh State Cardinals who are ranked 22 in the nation in the preseason poll by D3hoops.com. They have four returning senior starters for a team that went 21-8 last season. Coach Krupinski sees this game as a true test to see where his team is at.

"(Plattsburgh State) are one of the best teams we are going to play all year," said Krupinski. "It's going to be a great test for us to see exactly where we are."

Plattsburgh State is the reigning State University of New York Atlantic Conference champion and has made the NCAA Division III cham-

pionship tournament five times since 2006. The Cardinals are led by preseason All-American Chris Ruiz as well as Errol Daniyan, Carl Munnerlyn, and Steve Thomas who were each SUN-YAC All-Conference players.

Fortunado is eager to get the season started.

"We've been waiting for this for a long time and it's finally here," he said. "I'm excited."

The game will be held on Monday, Nov. 15 at the Lyndon State College Stannard Gymnasium. Tip off will be at 7 p.m.

NAC fall sports awards honor Lyndon athletes

Men's cross country

First team

Wildens Fils (junior)
Joshua Grant (sophomore)
Michael Farmer (junior)
Dylan MacNevin (freshman)
Kenedi Hall (freshman)
Craig Johnson (junior)

Rookie of the year

Kenedi Hall



Craig Johnson

Women's cross country

First team

Nicole Brown (sophomore)
Alyne O'Hearn (junior)

Second team

Leah Morgan (sophomore)
Susannah Powell (senior)



Susannah Powell

Women's tennis

Singles first team

Jenn Falsetti (senior)
Kayla Flynn (freshman)

Doubles first team

Kayla Flynn/Maria Parr (sophomore)

Rookie of the year

Kayla Flynn



Kayla Flynn

Men's soccer

First team

Patrice Lumumba (sophomore)

Second team

Jason Gray (sophomore)
Kyle Mecham (junior)



Kyle Mecham

Women's soccer

Second team

Samantha Smith (junior)
Michelle Wilcox (junior)



Samantha Smith



Michelle Wilcox

Teams studying and eating together: good or bad?

Justin Paul
News Correspondent

Lyndon State athletic teams get together once a week to have dinner and some athletes also study with their teammates.

The question is, does this help the teams develop a stronger unity? And does this help improve academic achievement?

LSC soccer star Patrice Lumumba believes that the team dinners bring players together as a family and help them get more acquainted.

"I think that it is a good idea because we make family by seeing each other and get to know each other better. I think the dinner part does bring us close to one another and we become more familiar with one another," Lumumba said.

Unity and chemistry are important elements when trying to build a winning combination. But being on a team takes a lot of hard work, consumes a tremendous amount of time, and affects athletes study habits.

When it comes to studying, a lot of people agree that it is easier to study in groups and find that it is a very effective habit to develop. Others believe that the teams should-

n't be required to study together.

"It does improve chemistry of the team for on and off the field," said junior women's soccer standout Michelle Wilcox. "But if it is something that is forced and mandatory then people sometimes just spend way too much time together and it could be a negative impact for the team. So it would have to be a mediocre thing. This year we did not do mandatory study hall. My freshman year we did and it worked okay. People would get stuff done or sometimes it would just be a distraction."

Teague Coyle, another men's soccer athlete, doesn't believe that it is necessary to have team dinners and study with teammates in order to improve grades.

"I don't study with the team and I don't think anyone else does either. We are a tight group with or without dinners and studying. Grades are a somewhat individualistic matter and I think studying as a team wouldn't help and it wouldn't change much," Coyle said.

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Hornets fall just short in championship match up

Top Left: Teague Coyle attempts to get his head on the ball before the Thomas goal keeper snags the ball. Top Right: Patrice Lumumba follows the ball after a header. Bottom Right: Patrick Hilton clears the ball from one of Thomas forwards. Bottom Left: Emmitt Simpson just misses getting his foot on the ball late in the second half.



Getting back in the fitness facility

Aaron Cornell
Special to the Critic

With the start of another school year, it may have been awhile since you were in the fitness facility. With a busy college lifestyle it is hard to make time for everything. Now that we are back on campus and have a free fitness facility at our disposal, hopefully there is time for you to utilize it.

Getting back into the routine can be tough; whether you feel like you don't have the time, or you are uncomfortable working out in a public setting or maybe you have never worked out before. Here are a few tips to help you start making a healthier you.

Get Motivated: The best way to get motivated is to do something you like. Running, swimming, and resistance training are just a few enjoyable physical activities. You have ample opportunity to do all of these here at LSC. Another way to help keep you motivated is to bring a buddy to workout with. Bringing someone who will challenge you is beneficial; there

is nothing wrong with a little healthy competition. Remember, you might not be the biggest or fastest, but everyone had to start somewhere. Know that you are in the gym to better yourself. Forget about everyone else.

Set Goals: Setting a goal is important in life. This gives you something to work for. Maybe you want to be able to bench a certain amount of weight or be able to run so long at a certain speed. Remember to set realistic goals for yourself. Results take time, so don't be discouraged if you do not see a change right away.

Schedule: Putting your workout into your schedule is a must. After all, you are a busy college student and you may even think you do not have time to work out. However, if you make a schedule, or if you already have one, you will most likely find you have a little free time to get even a 20 minute workout in.

Making time and getting motivated is your choice. Hopefully some of these pointers will lead you in the right direction. Get out there and have fun with it.



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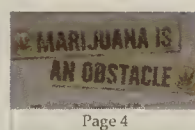
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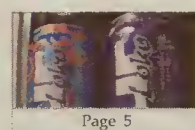
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Possible SGA shake-up looms



Kleinhans listens during Shadrock's impeachment Photo by Eric Wayne

Madi Cox
Managing Editor

Weeks after being impeached as administrative vice president of the Student Government Association, Chris Shadrock is seeking the impeachment of both President John Kleinhans and Executive Vice President Rachel Keller.

"In my opinion, both John and Rachel have violated the constitution, and per the precedent set by the SGA, I feel an appropriate action needs to be taken," Shadrock said.

Shadrock began circulating a petition asking for impeachment on Nov. 28. The petition was taken away and held by SGA adviser Shannon Healy until Dec. 1. Healy said she asked for the petition because she wanted to look at it and make sure it had accurate information before returning it.

"This is after he was impeached; now he's bringing all this into light.

It's pretty troubling when somebody comes at the situation for revenge," Kleinhans said.

The petition discloses text messages between Keller and Shadrock, in which Keller makes derogatory comments about another Lyndon student. It also claims that Kleinhans misused student funds while attending a leadership conference in Washington, D.C. with the other members of the executive board by failing to attend numerous events. The petition also states that Kleinhans prevented financial controller Miranda Bushey from informing clubs that were in debt about their situations.

Shadrock, who was impeached for sexual discrimination after calling Chenette a 'fag boy' on Facebook, is accusing Keller of the same thing.

"I am not giving him the encouragement to hate sga anymore than he does. But I still hate him,"

Keller allegedly wrote in a text message, referring to Chenette. The text was sent on Sept. 17, one week before Shadrock made his comment on Facebook.

"The text was sent in September when Justin and I didn't have the most positive personal or professional relationship that we have developed now, and he and I have talked about it and moved past and it and everyone else should too," Keller said.

Healy does not believe the comments made by Keller are comparable to the comments that led to Shadrock's impeachment.

"I think private text messages are a very different form than a public Facebook wall where your 500-plus friends can see it," she said. "I think a text message between two people who at the time were both executive board members is very different than a public posts on a public website."

■ See Looming shake-up on page 4

New hornet to be revealed

Aimee Lawton
News Editor

In just one week, there will be a new and original logo used to represent the Lyndon State College Hornet mascot, and a student who will be \$500 richer.

Next Friday, Dec. 10 is not only the day of December

graduation, but also the day in which the winning logo will be announced that will be used to represent the hornet mascot.

The contest came about after the college received a letter from Georgia Tech demanding that the current hornet logo be changed, as it bears a striking resemblance

to their copyrighted Yellow Jacket logo, "Buzz."

Director of Communications and Marketing Keith Chamberlin said that a combined 36 students attended the informational meetings held on Nov. 10 and 11, most of who were members of the visual arts department.

Chamberlin said that one of the requirements for

participants was to attend one of the two informational meetings held by himself and Athletic Director Chris Ummer.

"This was a real world assignment," Chamberlin said. "In order to make it as realistic as possible, we required that interested students attend a thorough, professional briefing on what we were looking for."

A guidelines sheet was also handed out to students at the briefing meetings; outlining specific criteria that they needed to follow in order to be eligible to win. Some of the criteria included how the logo should be portrayed, how the design should be submitted, and the approved colors that could be used.

In addition, it was recommended that students in the contest do an image search on Google to assure the originality of their design. The sheet states that the Marketing and Communications Department

would conduct a thorough search as well, and any submissions that are judged to be too similar to an existing image will be disqualified.

Finally, it was said Lyndon State College will have exclusive reproduction rights of the winning image, and that the college reserves the right to alter the image to suit their needs.

The contest closes at 5 p.m. tonight and the winner will be announced on Dec. 10 at 3 p.m. Judges for the contest included Chamberlin along with Chris Ummer, one or two members of the visual arts faculty, Associate Dean for Student Affairs Jonathan Davis, and President Carol Moore. In the unlikely situation that the contest does not produce a usable image, no winner will be announced and no cash prize will be awarded.

Chamberlin said that he hopes to have logos in circulation the following week for people to start using.



Georgia Tech's worries will soon be gone

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Weekend Weather Outlook: Jordan Sherman

Additional weather information provided by The Weather Channel.

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33°-36°
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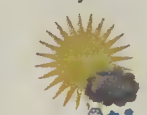
Friday night:



LOW
27°-30°
WINDS
NW 5

▶ Mostly cloudy skies. Expect a light snow shower after 3 AM.

Saturday:



HIGH
31°-34°
WINDS
N 5

▶ Light snow showers developing after 12 PM.

Saturday night:



LOW
26°
WINDS
NW 5

▶ Light snow overnight. 30% chance of precipitation.

Sunday:



HIGH
32°
WINDS
NNW 7

▶ Few snow showers throughout the day. 30% chance of precipitation.

Program evaluations may not be accurate

Erin Milne
Critic Staff

As seniors prepare for graduation in May, some are finding yet another thing to stress over—their program evaluations.

Some seniors have complained that inaccuracies in their program evaluations have forced them to take extra classes next spring in order to graduate on time. One senior claimed that, even though she had tested out of the GEU math requirement, she was told that she needed to take a math class when she applied for graduation.

To avoid these issues, Debra Hale, assistant academic dean, is asking students to monitor their

evaluations.

"I am encouraging students to always check their evaluations," Hale said, adding that students should check their evaluations every time they register for classes and not just when they apply for graduation.

The program evaluation, which is available through VSC Web Services, lists all the classes a student has taken and needs to take in order to complete his or her degree, Hale said. The evaluation needs to be printed out, signed by the student and his or her adviser, and taken to Recorder Evelyn Franz when a student applies to graduate.

A program evaluation might contain errors if paperwork has not been received

by Student Services, Hale said. For example, a student may have gotten a departmental waiver for a course, but that course would still appear as needed on the student's evaluation if Student Services did not receive the waiver form.

Hale is also reminding students that they cannot use their evaluations to know how many credits they have earned; they must refer to their transcripts for this. This is especially important in cases where a student has repeated a course. If a student passes a required course with a grade lower than a C-, they earn credit for the course but must repeat the course until they get at least a C-. The student will not earn additional

credit for repeating the course, but credit for the repeated course will appear on the student's evaluation.

Hale said she posts an announcement on the LSC portal every semester reminding students not to use their evaluations for credits.

"I know students don't always read" the announcement, Hale added.

Associate Academic Dean John Kascenska also stressed the importance of understanding credits. Students sometimes come up short of credits as a result of repeating classes, Kascenska said. He added that students should have a back-up plan in case they fail a class in their final semester and thus don't have enough credits to graduate.

Students must have 122 credits to graduate, but Kascenska suggested they might want to take a few extra so that they won't have to stay an extra semester if they fail a course.

"It's something students and professors need to pay close attention to," Kascenska said.

Hale said students who find errors on their evaluations should contact Associate Registrar Heather Ring, Franz, or herself.

Franz handles waiver paperwork and makes corrections to evaluations; however, Franz said that she cannot make any changes to a student's evaluation without that student's consent—one more reason for students to monitor their evaluations.

Paranormal club performs test in Wheelock, get results

Patrick Carr
News Correspondent

Lyndon State College has a long history and a strong tie to Vermont, so it's no wonder that a few ghosts and ghost stories would pop up on campus.

Investigating the paranormal is by no means an easy study. A lot of equipment and testing is needed to debunk or prove the presence of the paranormal. This is exactly the type of operation the newly accepted Paranormal Club at LSC hopes to undertake.

"I've always been interested in the paranormal," Paranormal Club President Montana Marshia, a freshman in graphic design said.

Just having been accepted into the Student Government Association of clubs, the Paranormal Club has been testing its equipment, from electronic voice phenomena to flashlight tests, Marshia said.

The flashlight test, which the group undertook on Nov. 14 in the Wheelock 410 suite, was fairly successful, Marshia said. Another member, Connor Snell, a freshman in global studies, shot a video of the flashlight test.

"We set a flashlight in the corner of the suite, by the door, so we could see if anything from behind was tampering with the light," Snell said. Adding, they then turned out the lights and asked questions with the added phrase, "If yes, turn on

the flashlight."

While the video was a little grainy from it having been filmed on a phone, one could clearly see the flashlight turn on after a couple of the questions with no one behind it. Snell said they will have to go back and see if any of this can be duplicated by human hands, so we can see if what happened was indeed paranormal activity.

One investigation they hope to do in the future is probably the most famous paranormal story related to LSC, that of Emma Vail's wheelchair.

The stories all circulate around the Alexander Twilight Theatre at LSC. For years people have claimed to see a wheelchair pop up all

around the theatre.

People see it on the stage, or out in the halls going on adventures, Pat Webster, cataloguer for the Samuel Read Hall Library said. One paragraph in an article in the 80th anniversary Twin Tower Topics, *The Mysterious Faces of Emma Vail*, describes an encounter where a security guard locked the wheelchair in a closet only to turn around and see it wheeling down the hall.

However, Webster isn't buying any of these stories, because she knows the origins of the wheelchair.

"It was purchased from a yard sale for a play called *These Ruins are Inhabited* in the 70s," Webster said.

It was stored in the theatre for the longest time after

that, and was in fact hauled back out when the play was redone, Webster said.

"I used to be in the theatre a lot, and I'd be there to the wee hours of the morning, and I never saw anything happen," she said.

Webster added, "The history of Emma Vail got mixed up over the years, first she was sick and old when she got married, and over the year's she became younger and more attractive, then one story was that she was Vail's mistress."

In his book, *Mr. Vail is in Town*, Dan Swainbank, part-time English teacher at LSC, wrote that in 1897, Emma Vail became sick and eventually died eight years later on Feb. 3, 1903.

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Where have all the students gone? President's Corner:

Robert Patton
Critic Staff

Forty years ago American Universities were hotbeds of activism. Students took all sides of issues. Most were angered by the war in Vietnam. Some marched in the streets chanting "Hey, Hey LBJ. How many kids did you kill today?" But there were other students that believed that the war was a necessary response to what they perceived as the Communist threat. Peace demonstrators at Kent State University in Ohio were gunned down by National Guardsmen. There were students on all sides of the issues, but almost all were involved.

Although Americans are still dying in foreign wars, the body count is far lower than in the sixties and there is no draft. Perhaps this is why most students are not taking today's wars personally.

But there are things going on today that students *should* take personally. Whether you graduate this month, next year or several years in the future, you are looking forward to a satisfying career and a comfortable life. Isn't this why you are in college?

The bad news is that the basic things your parents and grandparents enjoyed are not likely to be there for you. Your government has been spending your future at a frantic pace for years and the spending is not slowing down; it is accelerating. So what?

For starters, you are the guinea pig in an experiment that has never been carried out in the history of mankind. The entire world is no longer using money as it has been defined throughout history and as it is defined in the U.S. Constitution. Intellectuals with names followed by alphabet soup strings have gravely pronounced that money no longer need represent anything tangible but can simple represent lines of code in sophisticated computer systems.

Maybe this makes sense to you. But it is crucial to understand that this theory has never been tested. Previously corrupt leaders have dipped into the till from time to time. Some have shaved precious metals from the rim of coins, while still others have printed more money than their treasury's store of gold could back. In every case, these practices have triggered economic collapses of frightening magnitude.

A recent example is provided by Zimbabwe. If you

would like to be a centibillionaire, a few American dollars can get you a Zimbabwean \$500 trillion dollar bill. It will look good on your wall, but don't try to buy anything with it.

The only difference between the American dollar and the Zimbabwean is that most of us still have confidence in the American note. That's it. That's the only difference. It's sort of like the Wizard of Oz. When his true identity was discovered his power vanished.

But who would lose confidence in America? The Chinese, to name 1.35 billion or so. Did you know that China has been supporting us for years? The clothes you wear, the toys you played with as a kid, the appliances in your kitchen, and the stuff you buy at WalMart mostly comes from China. We pay for it with paper IOUs. Of course when governments issue IOUs they use sophisticated names and methods, but in the end it's all just IOUs. And China is getting nervous. At some point they will want to redeem all that paper and when they do, we're in big trouble.

Then there is the \$13 trillion projected national debt. It started a long time ago, but the Bush Administration gave it a big boost by pouring trillions into the Middle East. The Obama administration, not to be outdone by Republicans, is doing the same. Then there were those companies that were too big to fail.

Did you believe that line? If you did, you forgot about the buggy whip manufacturers that were put out of business by Ford and others. Shed a few tears for those craftsmen who devoted their lives to the creation of quality buggy whips only to be thrown out of their jobs by uncontrolled economic forces.

Maybe you believe that the bailouts saved the economy from a disaster? If you do, I have a bridge in Brooklyn that I'd like to sell you. And there were the stimulus payments. Thanks to those stimulus payments the very lightly traveled last few miles of 191 North before the Canadian border are now in really good shape and a bunch of local police departments have some nifty new toys to play with at the firing range.

The current buzz phrase is "job creation." Obama created 75,000 jobs by escalating the war in Afghanistan and then there were all those census jobs. If this is your idea of job creation, our problems are

over. Just put everyone to work in government jobs. Call it the single employer system. Full benefits with each position, of course and we could link salaries to current government jobs. I'm told that these average much higher than equivalent civilian jobs.

So, the problem is solved. Everyone has a job. Everyone has a guaranteed comfortable retirement. Everyone has top-of-the-line health insurance.

Wait a minute. Isn't that the system they tried in the Soviet Union?

You remember the U.S.S.R., don't you? That humungous country that was really good at producing nuclear weapons and well-paid amateur athletes. The one that isn't on the map anymore.

The bottom line is that what our leaders in Washington are doing is not going to work. It can't work. The debt that has already piled up can never be repaid. The U.S. Government (that's us folks) has only two choices. We can repudiate the debt. When individuals and companies do this it's called filing bankruptcy. Or we can inflate the currency so that dollars of debt can be paid off with pennies. This is what Germany did after the First World War. And this is also a good part of what made Hitler's rise to power possible.

What we are facing is an economic debacle that can make the Great Depression look like a walk in the park. And the ones that will suffer the most will be today's students. Imagine graduating from college with a mountain of debt and going into a world where there are few jobs and escalating prices for everything. Isn't it time to make your voice heard?

John Kleinhans
SGA President

In light of current economic woes across our country and the world, I must say I am proud of the Lyndon State College Student Government Association in their handling of the student activities budget.

The Lyndon SGA has lived up to its promise to provide the clubs and student organizations the proper funding while also managing to stay on point and on budget.

With spending less than half of the general fund this semester, we have ensured that the upcoming spring semester will have the proper funding for success.

Another striking statistic is the growing participation in the SGA. The average attendance of a Lyndon SGA meeting has reached a new high of over 60 students.

This transparency is unseen in any other school across this state and even most businesses.

Throughout the course of this semester, I have spoken at a series of different classes, lectures, and events challenging students to get involved in their community by participating in the Student Government Association and I believe that the students at Lyndon have lived up to this challenge.

We have also set up a number of internal communities that address concerns in the school such as the Aramark Dining Services, Public Safety, IT, and Sustainability.

Every student at Lyndon can participate in these committees and I encourage you to do so by checking out www.lyndonsga.com.

Every other Wednesday, we meet in ASAC 100 at 8pm. I hope to see you there and I welcome your thoughts and feedback!

Editor's Note: This is the first of a weekly column that SGA President John Kleinhans will be writing for The Critic.

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Twilight Players get more dramatic this spring



Members of the Twilight Players take the stage at the "Play On" dress rehearsal

Photo by Tela Lury

Timothy Christ
News Correspondent

The Twilight Players will be switching things up next semester, performing a dramatic musical instead of the usual comedy.

In the spring semester, the Twilight Players are performing the drama "Blood Brothers", written by William Russell. The musical centers on a mother who gives birth to two boys but can only afford to keep one. She gives one of the twins to a rich family. The boys live separate lives until they fall in love with the same girl.

"Blood Brothers is a drama, which is pretty different from what we've been doing recently, but we thought it might be refreshing to change things up a little," Twilight Players treasurer Dave Daly said. "Blood Brothers" was not the original musical that was chosen for the spring, but due to a few voting conflicts the Twilight Players voted again and it was suggested to do this musical. The group's goal is to

have "Blood Brothers" be as successful as its performance this semester.

"Play On!", a comedy written by Rick Abbot was the play that was put on just a few weeks ago. The club performed the play five times.

"It's really great to hear when the group effort we all put in gets noticed and praised," member Jenn Morin said.

The play was thoroughly developed throughout the months leading up to opening night and the cast learned a lot.

"It was beautiful to see each person's individual development as well as the play as a whole," first-time member Jake Machell said.

The amount of students who went to the performances was not only a helpful for the cast and crew, but to the audience as well.

"I realized that we perform our plays at a time when a lot of college students are stressed out, and all they really want is to get away from work and stress for a little while," Daly said.

"We choose our plays at the end of each school year. Members of the club bring ideas of plays and musicals to perform the following year, and we vote as a club for which shows to do," he said.

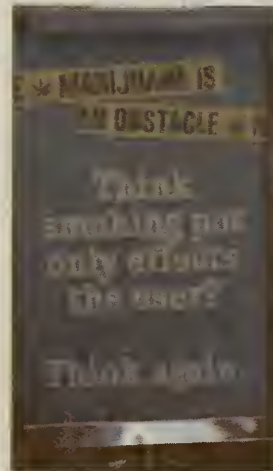
The 30 to 40 active members that are dedicated to performing plays and musical and are always coming up with creative ways to display their talent. By giving the community an experience each semester, the members of the group have formed close bonds.

"I have loved every cast and crew so far with the Twilight players. We are all very supportive of each other and have all come to be close friends," Morin said.

"The Twilight Players are like a second family to me. Many people in the club are my best friends, and it's always a blast to spend a lot of time with them," Daly said.

With "Play On!" behind the club, the Twilight Players are pointed towards "Blood Brothers" and the future of the group.

"Marijuana is an Obstacle" campaign returns to Lyndon



Sign displayed as part of the "Marijuana is an Obstacle" campaign

Candice Kopec
Critic Staff

Walking through campus you may find yourself hitting an obstacle trying to make your way to class.

That blockage is there specifically to show students that marijuana can cause obstacles while trying to make your way through school; or life in general for that matter.

Tinalyn Caisse, Prevention Coalition coordinator, hopes to educate, raise

awareness, and stop underage drug and alcohol abuse for college students from the age of 18 to 25 by using the "marijuana is an obstacle" campaign. Caisse contacted the school and LSC accepted the offer and let them design the media campaign as a part of "phase 2".

"Our number one goal is to address underage drinking and drug abuse amongst college students and our number two goal is to address low perceived risk of marijuana use in college," Caisse said.

As the drug and alcohol abuse coalition, they chose this specific design because they felt as though students weren't attentive enough of the issue. Caisse worked with a design crew to create "Marijuana is an obstacle" plan, with the help of active LSC college students as well.

"I have been involved in this campaign for three years now, and has been in the area for 15 years," Caisse said.

They will also be setting up a similar campaign around Burke Mountain area.

Looming shake-up

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"I think the biggest thing that we need to focus on here is the difference between private and public," Keller said, adding, "a lot of those things were taken out of context. And it was an isolated incident. I've spoken with Justin and explained the situation and he is aware of what happened, and even he sees that this is a completely different situation than Mr. Shadrock's situation."

Healy wrote Shadrock a letter that states there is a lack of evidence to support many of the claims, and that Keller's comments did not violate the constitution because of their private setting, and that Shadrock joined in on the conversation. She pointed out that many months have passed since the conference and the comments.

"I questioned why these problems are all suddenly coming up now if it's been such an ongoing issue," Healy said.

"Everything he says in this petition is petty, small, and I don't believe impeachable," Kleinhans said. "This is not a valid impeachment due to the fact that this is a personal attack on myself and Rachel Keller."

Kleinhans pointed to a set

of photos on Shadrock's Facebook page, in which he and Keller were both tagged with derogatory titles.

"I was ready to resign because of how malicious that Facebook picture was," he said.

In response to the allegations about the leadership conference, Kleinhans said that a death in his family the reason for visiting with a cousin who happened to be in the area.

"I think it's awful that Chris Shadrock is trying to impeach me over that," Kleinhans said, "It's very petty to go after that."

Kleinhans explained the delay in informing clubs about debt issues was the result of issues with the official numbers, and that the matters were dealt with when the numbers became known.

"Miranda [Bushey] oversees the entire financial situation of the SGA," he said, "That's her responsibility to do that, so why am I being brought upon that impeachment?" Kleinhans and Healy added that he does not have the power to prevent Bushey from doing her job.

"I'm just really sad and hurt that the good that's happening in the SGA is being completely overshadowed by revenge," Keller said.

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Four Loko is no more as Vermont joins the ban

Kriston Hall
Critic Staff

There are two things that always seem to be in short supply for college students: money and energy.

A recent trend among students dangerously adds high alcohol content to the mix, in the form of alcoholic energy drinks.

"We have had one bad incident with Four Loko. The individual didn't even remember later saying or doing some of the things they had done; I would say that's a problem. It makes it too easy for people to go out and get highly intoxicated in a very short period of time," said George Hacking, Director of Public Safety for LSC.

The state of Washington was one of the first to ban alcoholic energy drinks such as Four Loko. This ban stems from an incident in which nine Central Washington University students were treated for alcohol related illness. The students' blood alcohol levels ranged from 0.12-0.35 which is more than four times the legal limit; 0.30 is considered potentially lethal for anyone. The ban has since spread to Vermont, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Michigan, Utah and Oklahoma.

Four Loko, one of the more popular alcoholic energy drinks is a 23.5oz can of either 6 or 12 percent alcohol blended with caffeine, taurine

and guarana, common in almost all energy drinks. In fact the "Four" in the name comes from these main components. It comes in eight flavors and was put on the market in 2008.

"It doesn't hurt my feelings to see it being pulled off the shelf, but to truly do the community a service there has to be an educational component that goes along with it. You don't ever want to miss a chance to educate the public and this is an opportunity. Its got people talking, which isn't a bad thing," Hacking said.

Most people know about the high alcohol content of Four Loko. Beer, for example is 12 oz at four to five percent alcohol; that means there is five or six beers worth of alcohol in each can. Coming in enough flavors for just about anyone to find one they like downplays the effects dramatically.

"It's already out there, there's the Red Bull or other energy drinks that you can mix with any kind of alcohol that you want and you can achieve those same effects, if you drink them to same degree as people are drinking Four Loko. For whatever reason people aren't drinking it to that degree when they have to mix it on their own, but when you can buy these "Man Cans" and just throw it down, that's where the problems arising," Hacking said.

The manufacturers of

Four Loko, Phusion Projects' website opens with a letter to State and Federal Regulators explaining the companies stand on multiple issues from the ban in Washington to the ongoing investigation on the health impact of their product.

They point out that their product is one of 40 currently being tested by the FDA. The aim of the study is to determine the actual effects of mixing alcohol and energy drinks, and acknowledges that this is no new practice.

"Its so easy to buy a big can and drink it down in a very short period of time. Because it just goes down. And that's not to say that they couldn't just make it on their own, all they have to do is take Red Bull and Vodka and you've got the same thing. But at least you have to go through the process of mixing those on your own which might save you," Hacking said.

The overlying problem with Four Loko seems to be one of control, not content. There are plenty of things out there that can get you severely intoxicated or impaired and the responsibility to monitor those substances falls on you.

"Alcohol is a legal drug and you have to have some responsibility, you have to take responsibility for your actions in how you consume it," Hacking said.



The forbidden Four Loko

Photo by Kate Demar

Country Store offers Vermont-made gifts

Samantha Knight
News Correspondent

It's that time of year again to buy gifts and many people are choosing to purchase Vermont-made products through the Northeast Kingdom Country Store website.

The store only sells Vermont products, so you know where your products are coming from.

"The online country store is one part of a USDA-funded grant project focusing on product distribution for businesses in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom," Executive Director Gloria Bruce said. "The project included a redesign of the regional tourism website TraveltheKingdom.com as well as the addition of two new pieces of technology - one is the Central Reservations System which functions like "Expedia" for the Northeast Kingdom and the other is the Online Country Store which functions as the "Amazon" for the Northeast Kingdom."

The online store is not affiliated with the Kingdom Trails Country store, though many people often confuse the two if they are not from the area.

"At first I thought that the Kingdom Trails store was the same as the online store so when I went there I was disappointed that all the products weren't there until the person working informed

me," LSC student Kayla Brobst said.

"NEKTTA is the official Destination Marketing Organization for Vermont's Northeast Kingdom, as such we market the region to travelers who may wish to visit the area," Bruce said. "We use this marketing power to showcase the offerings of the online country store, matching our local goods with people who are interested in the region."

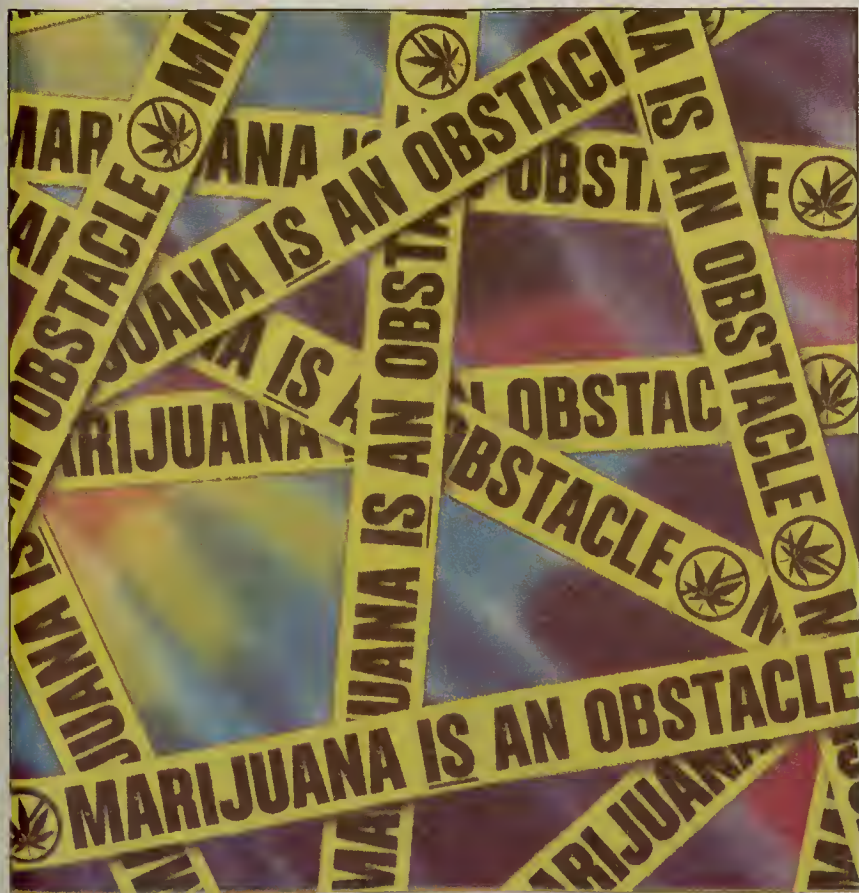
"I have purchased many items from the country store since going to school in the Northeast Kingdom," LSC student Tracie Noyes said. "When I give gifts to people at home I like to incorporate gifts from around here then at home because it is more personal and different to what I would normally find."

"I am doing a secret Santa with my friends from back home and I definitely will purchase things there to make a Vermont themed gift basket for her," Brobst said.

The site has been an easy source for students to get their gifts.

"Every time I use the store I always have good customer service and everything is shipped to me on time with no problems," Noyes said.

"Looking at the site I like what I see and would purchase many of the things for my mom or other relatives," Brobst said.



Due Date is due to disappoint

Ethan Mitchell
Critic Staff

Due Date generated a lot of buzz when it advertised costars Robert Downey Jr. and the oddly humorous Zack Galifianakis partaking in a road trip together. Galifianakis has been drawing attention ever since his role in last year's film, *The Hangover*. His unusual and sometimes dark humor seems to push the envelope, and there is no denying he plays a great childish man; however, one can only expect so much from the same actor playing the same role in multiple movies.

I am not ashamed to say that *Due Date* does not live up to all the hype. Downey and Galifianakis have great chemistry on set and seem to work well together throughout the

film, but the plot falls short of incredible and never really seems to progress. It is also unfortunate, but most of the best scenes are revealed in the trailer making the film highly predictable.

As far as the acting goes, in the film, Downey steals the screen. Although Galifianakis is intended to be the stage winning comic, it was more often Downey's character making me laugh. It may seem like a step down from his role Iron Man, but Downey brings intensity unlike any other to this seemingly frivolous character. As incredible of an actor as Downey is though, it is not hard to steal the spotlight from Galifianakis. In *Due Date*, Galifianakis plays the same idiotic childish character we have seen countless times.

He is awkwardly funny, but the performance is repetitive and, at times, hard to take seriously.

The premise for *Due Date* itself is simple: a road trip with two unlikely companions. They are traveling together because of some crazy circumstances and they both happen to be going to the same place. Of course, the differences between Downey's and Galifianakis' characters make for an adventure that is bound to go terribly wrong. The story, however, never quite develops beyond the dastardly trip itself. It seems as though the progression is: Galifianakis causes mayhem, Downey gets irritated, Galifianakis causes mayhem again, Downey gets irritated, and so on.

Any sense of the plot

thickening, or any sense of consequence is completely absent, and the terrible events that occur are almost entirely forgotten by the following scene. *Due Date* is missing an element of growth between the two characters that most road movies have. Without any character development, the journey lacks any unifying meaning. Essentially, the journey is only physical, and we miss out on the "emotional journey" that easily could have been incorporated.

Such a void could only have been filled by outrageously hilarious scenes, something else the film lacks. Granted, there are plenty of scenes that are laugh out loud funny, but they are either previously revealed through trailers, or we have seen them in other films. It was hard to

find myself entertained throughout a majority of the movie simply because I already had an idea of what was going to happen. There are certainly parts of the film that stood out more than others though, and it did generate some genuine laughs here and there.

Due Date was made out to be one of the greatest comedies of the year, but simply fell flat; it was a general disappointment. I found myself wanting to laugh more, but it just wasn't that funny. I found myself waiting for the plot to twist, but there were no surprises. I found myself wanting more out of the film in general, but just didn't get what was expected.

A trip to the Big Apple LSC rocks out

Lindsey Profenno
News Correspondent

Students attending rural Lyndon State College will soon get a chance to see the big city - New York City.

"We are leaving at 5 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4," said Dan Haycook, president of Campus Activities Board.

Students are encouraged to sign the wait-list once the buses are filled.

"If you get put on the wait list, I strongly recommend you still show up to the buses, as many people have a habit of oversleeping since it leaves so early," Haycook said.

There are many different places one can visit in New York City. There is Times Square, which is full of lights and shopping. There is China Town, and Little Italy, places

where students can see some old heritage places and get a feel for different countries. During the bus trip, the experience is up to you.

"We drive you down, drop you off, and you are free to do what you wish. The chaperones will give you a pick up spot and time, and you need to be sure to be there to catch the bus," said Haycook.

Some students really enjoy going on the bus trip to NYC, and have gone year after year.

"I went on the trip 4 times. Spring 2008, winter 2008, spring 2009, and spring 2010. Each time that I went, the trips were a lot of fun, but I had different experiences each time. I found that my favorite one of the trips was the one in the winter, because my friends and I got to see the

city decorated for Christmas, and got to see the beautiful Christmas tree in Rockefeller Center," said Aimee Lawton, an LSC student.

Either rain or shine, there is plenty to do in the big city. If it is raining one can still enjoy the city and make for an even more memorable experience.

"My most interesting experience came in spring 2010," Lawton said. "This time, it poured the entire time we were there and my friends and I were soaked after the first hour. We went in to just about every store that we could find just so we could stay dry. This experience was fun though because I got to see a lot of new places that I wasn't able to see on earlier trips."

Friday's forecast: scattered talent

Emilie Lariviere
Entertainment Editor

16 acts will be trying their luck at the annual AMS talent show next Friday, Dec. 10.

The show will be at 7 p.m. in the Alexander Twilight Theatre.

Ben Sisskind, a junior AMS major, is in charge of this event for the first time as well as on the executive board for AMS.

"It's been challenging. I have gained more leadership skills from the whole experience and I am really excited for the talent show this year," Sisskind said.

There will be two AMS students hosting that night. Judging will consist of the AMS president, SGA president, two faculty and staff and one mystery judge from the audience selected by raffle tickets. There will be a first, second and third prize consisting of gift cards.

As of right now you can still sign up to participate in the talent show if you e-mail Sisskind by midnight tonight. All you have to tell him is what your act will be, who is in your act and what you will need to participate. Any student is welcome to take part in this event and it is free for

the participants.

The talent show already has more interest than it did last year as they only had 12 acts. There is a nice variety ranging from a comedy act, to singing, dancing and more. This night will be an event like no other. Come see your fellow classmates display their talents.

Tickets are being sold Dec. 6-9 p.m. from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the theater lobby for \$3.00 each and on the night of the show from 6-7 p.m. for \$5.00 at the door. It is best to buy your tickets in advance. All proceeds go to the AMS club.

Ethan Mitchell
Critic Staff

WWLR has been a very active, large part of the Lyndon State community since "sometime in the seventies," according to current general manager of the station, Tim Olver. The club has made it its priority to promote the school, school activities, and other clubs through broadcasting.

As a club, WWLR's goal is to give students their own chance to be real live radio DJs. They also make sure that the students have as much freedom as possible so that they can express themselves whether it is musically, through talk shows, or sports. This means that students have the freedom to play any genre of music they want. The radio also takes pride in playing independent and relatively new music, including local and underground bands.

The club is constantly working to bring new events and music to the college. They have been working with such labels as Victory, Oasis, and various indie and unsigned bands to put new

music into the hands of the DJs. They are particularly interested in working with local and school bands to put on events and to get their music on the radio.

The staff at WWLR is relatively new, but also very hard working and dedicated to improving the station that they feel has been turned upside down in recent years.

"We are trying to re-invent the station and re-establish our reputation to prove to the school that we are a strong asset as a club here at the college," commented Olver.

Currently, the station runs nearly fifty shows a week and consists of over eighty DJs. It is not just students who are welcome to broadcast, but the club also welcomes professors and staff members such as Dan Daley and Paul Searls, who currently have their own shows on the station. Aside from being on the air, WWLR is also streaming online so that no matter where you are, you can listen to the program.

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Aquarius

January 20 – February 18
Whenever people ask you what you want for the holidays, you’ve been claiming “World Peace.” Nobody is buying that crap. It’s time for some honesty.

Pisces

February 19 – March 20
Remember when you shoved that old woman on Black Friday in your attempt to get that Tickle-Me-Elmo door buster deal? Well, you’re on Santa’s “naughty list.” You had better temper those Christmas expectations.

Aries

March 21 – April 19
Your family members were not impressed with your Four Loko blackout stories you shared at Thanksgiving dinner. They’re concerned.

Taurus

April 20 – May 20
At some point between now and Christmas, you’ll slip up and mention that Santa isn’t real in front of the wrong person and ruin his or her childhood. Wait, did I just do that just now? I’m sorry.

Gemini

May 21 – June 20
The fifth night of Hanukkah is

going to be a spectacular night for you.

Cancer

June 21 – July 22
The academic demands of the end of the semester and your favorite football team’s schedules conflict... make the right choice. Tom Brady needs you.

Leo

July 23 – August 22
Your buddies back home sure do enjoy hearing about your successes after you left home for college—but you took it a little far over Thanksgiving. Take it easy over winter break and do a little listening instead.

Virgo

August 23 – September 22
Be prepared for your stocking to be filled with coal ... and socks.

Libra

September 23 – October 22
You juuuust barely made it onto Santa’s “nice list.” The purchase of those Girl Scout cookies is what made the difference.

Scorpio

October 23 – November 21
Isn’t making a holiday wish list so hard? All you want is something awesome, but whenever you try to think of the most awesome thing you now, you just end up writing your own name down a billion times...

Sagittarius

November 22 – December 21
Only seventy-seven days until pitchers and catchers report to Spring Training...

Emilie Lariviere

Entertainment Editor

Chef’s Corner

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving break. Growing up the holidays used to be such a fun time of the year! When I was little my mom, sister and I would make all kinds good goodies the entire month of December. Chocolates, candies, cookies, we worked very hard. Usually these treats would be divided up into tins as Christmas gifts and for our family to enjoy. Now that all the kids are grown this tradition doesn’t really continue on. Chocolate covered mint sticks was one of the many special recipes we would make. They are fairly easy, anyone can make them, and their fun. They are delicious, great for holiday parties or gifts.

What’s cooking in the kitchen?

What’s happening on campus?

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Sunday
Eat Pray Love at 3pm
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Easy A at 9pm
ATT

Wednesday
SGA Meeting at 8pm in ASAC 100

Thursday
Holiday Movies
Rudolph’s Shiny New Year at 6pm

The Gruffalo at 9pm
Santa Claus is comin’ to town at 8pm
The year without Santa Claus at 9pm all in ASAC 100

Friday
Talent Show at 7pm in ATT

Climbing Wall now open 7 days a week, 7-10pm

You will meet a tall dark stranger review

Tyler A. Kittleman

Entertainment Staff

Like a lot of Woody Allen films, *You Will Meet a Tall Dark Stranger* has this awkward realistic feeling to it. The film takes place in London with Alfie (Anthony Hopkins) and Helena (Gemma Jones) a husband and wife of forty years who have recently split up due to the fact that Alfie does not want to be alone so out of desperation and possibly the feeling of being young again marries a hooker named Charmaine.

Helena starts to visit a physic and begins to think spiritually. Then you have their daughter Sally (Naomi Watts) who works at an art gallery and dreams to open her own one day and she is married to Roy, (Josh Brolin) a former doctor trying to make it as a writer.

The film reminds me of constant romantic frustration. With

Allen’s style of narration which he uses in other films doesn’t seem to work as much, but because of the great cast they pull the film together making it a well entertaining film.

I give this film four out of five stars because it’s a film that copies how life really is full of awkward situations that keep getting worst and more frustrating and that’s what makes it good. When I watched it I went with a few friends and all they kept saying was, “you can tell this is a Woody Allen film” and this is also why I liked it.

The funny thing is the narration, which I thought was done by Woody Allen, which was done by Zak Orth, who was trying to sound like Allen. I urge you if you have not seen this film already to go check it out as it truly is a must see. If you’re interested in watching more great and terrific films like this one, check out Catamount Arts, free to all Lyndon State Students.



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Amazing intramurals offer athletic fun

Patrick Hilton
News Correspondent

Intramurals at Lyndon State are a fun alternative to playing a varsity sport if you don't have the time, commitment, or desire to play for a varsity squad.

"It is amazing – it's intramurals," said sophomore Shane Fleury. Intramurals are a good way to meet friends, to take a break from the stress of classes and exams, and to just go have some fun.

Cody Carlson, a sophomore human services major, thinks that our intramurals are great but can be improved. "I wish we could play more than one game a week. It is really fun and if we could have more games I think it would be better," said Carlson.

In regards to the technical side, he had some more suggestions. "I think the clock should stop for fouls and foul shots," said Carlson. "I transferred from Becker College and we had team uniforms (supplied by the school) and the clock stopped on whistles. It made it more game-like. Overall though, LSC has fun intramurals."

Naturally, with intramural sports there are rules that go along with them. On the Lyndon State athletics website, www.lyndonthornets.com, there is a list of the rules for intramural sports. All students who are enrolled in at least three credits are allowed to participate in intramurals (with exceptions). All faculty and staff are also welcome to participate in intramurals.

According to the website, "The intramural program is aimed at enjoyment," which is what most students get out of it. But there are limitations to who can participate in intramurals as well. One of the rules of intramurals states "varsity athletes are ineligible to participate in the intramural program in the sport in which he/she is a varsity player."

This rule got a bad response from freshman Derek Shumate. Although Shumate hasn't participated in intramurals at LSC, he has at other colleges and he knows how much fun they can be.

"I made some kick-ass friends by meeting people through intramurals, and if the school is limiting students

by not letting them play, that is a bad thing," said Shumate. "Intramurals is about the school, and participating with your school. It seems dumb to not allow students to do this."

Despite some of the rules, and some of the bad feelings about them, the general vibe about intramurals is a positive one.

"It is a good time. It gives everyone a chance to run around and let off some steam," said Fleury. "With the pressure from school and classes, it is nice to have something to do to just have fun."

Intramurals have been around for years. Jordan Royer, LSC alum from the class of 2008 said that basketball and flag football were always the two most popular intramural sports: Royer distinctly remembers the atmosphere when he played intramurals not too long ago.

"I played basketball for a few semesters, but to be honest for me, who sucks at basket-



Thomas Jacobs tries to put the ball in the hoop during an intramural basketball game.

Photo By Sam Monroe

pended once as a fan for vocally stating on a blown call by the referee," said Royer.

"Some people do take it too far though," Royer continues. "I guess to me they were fun but to others it was their last ditch effort to re-live their high school glory days."

ball. I just couldn't get quite as pumped as others. I liked to have a good time," said Royer.

And that is the whole point of intramurals – to have a good time. Royer remembers having a little too much fun on the sidelines at one game. "I actually got sus-

Women's basketball recovers from bad loss

Nick Russo
Sports Editor

Led by returning captains Danielle Lafont, Stephanie Barclay, and Naomi White, the women's basketball team is looking to bounce back from a disheartening end to last season.

Coach Vinnie Maloney is now in his fifth year as the head coach of the women's basketball team, and has ambitious aspirations for his squad. He is raising the bar high despite the fact that the lady Hornets did not make the North Atlantic Conference postseason last year after going 2-12 in conference matchups. The Lyndon State College women ended the season with 10 straight NAC losses.

As with all teams at this

point, there are certain aspects of game play that need the greatest improvement. Coach Maloney hopes his team can make strides in one particular area during its non-conference games in December.

"Obviously you're always looking to win, but of course the big thing is to get to the point we need to be defensively," said Maloney. "Right now we're horrible, for lack of a better term, but that's something we have to work on and change as a team. Individually we do okay, but as a team we need work. Everyone's focused on their individual assignment rather than what we need to do as a team."

"Our goal is the same as it always is, to win the NAC," said Maloney. "But right now our stepping stone is to get through the first semester as

best we can and get focused for the conference."

The Hornets began their journey toward that goal at the Endicott College Gulls tournament on Nov. 19. They started this season where they left off last year and lost in the first game vs. Endicott by a dismal score of 84-20.

"The first one definitely didn't go as I expected, we played horribly, of course," said Maloney of his team's poor performance against Endicott. "It was our first game playing all semester...so it was a little rough. We played a little shaky, a little nervous."

However, junior guard Danielle Lafont expected the game would not be a pretty one. "It was our first game of the season, so you're going to have a lot of bad plays and throw passes away," she said.

In the consolation game vs. Newbury College on Saturday, Nov. 20, LSC seemed to be in control throughout the entire game and pulled out their first victory of the season 66-52. Sophomore forward Donna Lawson and junior guard Naomi White each scored 21 points to boost the Hornets to the win.

"We calmed down to the

point where we could play well in the second game," said Lafont.

After a brief break during the Thanksgiving holiday, the team returned to action on Tuesday at non-conference rival Vermont Technical College. VTC was 4-1 on the season coming into the game vs. Lyndon.

LSC beat VTC 58-41 behind double digit scoring numbers from Lafont (11 points), Barclay (10), and Shauna Buck (11). Lawson led the battle for rebounds with 10 and scored an additional nine points in the game.

Lafont says the team this year shows a bit more promise than the team showed at this time last year.

"It's better just because we have more forwards, our freshmen are dedicated and want to play, so that helps a lot," said Lafont. "Plays always takes awhile, you're always going to mess up here and there in the game. Hopefully not, but that does tend to happen...compared to last year it's going a lot smoother."

One of the freshmen who will provide that added depth this year is guard Morgan

Diltz. She says she is pleased with the progress the team has made thus far and is optimistic about their chances this season.

"We just had our first two games so we can't expect to beat them by 1,000, but we're going to do better in the future, everyone clicks well," said Diltz.

LSC is playing a rigorous non-conference schedule in preparation for the NAC games when the team returns in January.

"With Endicott, Plymouth, and Middlebury, our non-conference schedule is pretty strong and that's to build us for the conference schedule," said Maloney.

To Lafont, the recipe for individual and team success this season is not complicated.

"Go into every game and know I played the hardest that I can," said Lafont in regards to her personal goal this year. "It's important that we all have that mindset, don't stop playing no matter what the score is."

The home opener is set for Friday Dec. 3, vs. Bay Path College at 7:00 p.m. in the Stannard Gymnasium.

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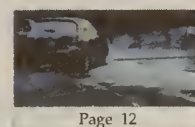
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SGA donates to Santa Fund despite opposition

Madi Cox
Managing Editor

There was a lot of opposition toward donating \$1000 to the Santa Fund charity during this week's Student Government Association meeting.

Representative for the Student Investment group Andrew Chapin made the request on the behalf of Bob McCabe, director of Academic Support, saying that the charity benefits a lot of community members, and is a good way for students to give back.

"It helps provide toys and gifts and spreading holiday cheer to needy families in the area," he said. "Traditionally, the Lyndon SGA gives \$1000 to \$1500 to help finance the purchase of these gifts."

This request did not sit well with students who felt that the general fund, which is made up of student activity fees, should not be used to benefit things that do not involve the college.

"This is not me saying that the Santa Fund is not a great, reputable, charitable organization," Vice President of Communications Justin Chenette said. "This is not against children. This is a strictly fiscal responsibility issue. We as a body have to recognize what are our priorities here? Are we here to represent students, or



The three remaining members of the SGA executive board: Rachel Keller, John Kleinhans, and Dave Daly.

Photo by Eric Wayne

are we here to create a PR environment for the school?"

Chenette added that Alpha Lambda Delta is currently holding a fundraiser for the Santa Fund that would be a good alternative to granting Chapin's request. He also mentioned the library not being able to stay open on Saturdays, although the SGA general fund is not directly related to that.

President of the SGA John Kleinhans disagreed.

"I really like this because it's giving back to the community that gives to us every single year," he said. "They've been here for us, we're here for them."

"I find it very sad to me, John, that you would say

that publicly when in our conversations that we've had, you don't support it," Chenette said. Kleinhans responded that their private conversation took place a week ago, and he has changed his opinion on the request since then.

First year elected representative Dan Weiner said he would rather cut back on library time if it meant helping out children in poverty.

"But that's just my feeling. I'm a human being," he said. Chenette immediately jumped in to respond.

"You could look at me while I'm talking to you," he said to Weiner. "I'm a human

being as well, and this is not an emotional issue. This is a financial issue."

Several representatives, including Jack Carney of the Society of Professional Journalists, felt that the money should not come out of the general fund, but out of fundraising instead.

"If we're going to do PR, it should come from the students, not the general fund," Carney said.

The motion to give \$1000 to the Santa Fund passed in the end.

The Santa Fund was not the only topic to draw controversy this week. Financial controller of the SGA Miranda Bushey resigned from her position

and did not attend the meeting Wednesday night. Instead, Kleinhans explained that due to time management issues, she would not be returning.

The entire executive board of the American Meteorological Society (AMS) came forward to ask the SGA executive board why procedures did not begin when clubs were allegedly suspected of being in debt. The allegations were made by former administrative vice president Chris Shadrock in a petition he has been circulating, asking for the impeachment of both Kleinhans and vice president Rachel Keller.

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Former financial controller Miranda Bushey

Photo by Eric Wayne

Financial controller steps down

Sam Monroe
Critic Editor

SGA Financial Controller Miranda Bushey has resigned from her position effective as of the SGA meeting this past Wednesday.

"Due to some personal time management issues, Miranda has chosen not to return to the financial controller position next semester," said John Kleinhans from a written statement at the beginning of the meeting.

Bushey was not present at the meeting, and failed to return phone messages left for her Thursday afternoon.

Kleinhans said that the only reason he had been given for the resignation was the reason he read to the SGA body on Wednesday night.

Bushey becomes the second member of the executive board to leave a position this semester after Chris Shadrock was impeached from his position as administrative vice president on Oct. 27.

After his impeachment, Shadrock began to circulate petitions for the impeachment of Kleinhans and Executive Vice President Rachel Keller. Shadrock was not present at Wednesday's meeting, and has not commented

on the status of the petitions.

One of the claims Shadrock has put on the petition is that Kleinhans prevented Bushey from putting clubs into the debt procedures. When asked about this by the AMS/NWA executive board at the beginning of the SGA meeting, Kleinhans denied the allegations.

According to Kleinhans a few people have expressed interest in the position. The position will be an appointed position because the financial controller needs to be approved by the business department. Kleinhans has asked that if anyone is interested in the position they should contact him before the Jan. 19 meeting.

Weekend Weather Outlook: Jordan Sherman

Additional weather information provided by The Weather Channel.

Friday:



HIGH
23°-26°
WINDS
SE 9

► Mix of sun and clouds. Clouds increasing in the afternoon.

Friday night:



LOW
15°-20°
WINDS
LIGHT

► Mostly cloudy skies with chance for a light snow by 2AM.

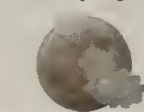
Saturday:



HIGH
31°-35°
WINDS
S LIGHT

► Mostly cloudy skies with chance for light snow before 12 PM.

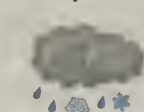
Saturday night:



LOW
-2°
WINDS
SW 7

► Partly cloudy skies.

Sunday:



HIGH
35°
WINDS
SE 7

► Wintry mix. Chance of precipitation 70%.

Tuition increase expected next year

Sam Monroe
Critic Editor

Students at Lyndon State College may have to dig a little deeper into their pockets next year as it appears tuition is on the rise once again.

After going up three percent last year tuition looks as though it will rise once again in an attempt to balance the budget.

"From the college's standpoint based on the current

projections the range it would take to balance the budget would be between six and nine percent," said Dean of Administration Wayne Hamilton.

Last year the administration asked for a raise of about six percent to help balance the budget and received a three percent increase. The vote this year will be much earlier in the year. The

VSC Board of Trustees will meet on Jan. 19 to discuss the tuition vote and the vote will take place at the Jan. 27 meet-

ing.

"I think we're prepared to make some adjustments to the budget for next year," said

Hamilton. "I just don't think a nine percent increase is realistic."

In order to balance the budget last year the administration cut classes and made a few other cuts.

Tim Cappalli, the VSC student trustee, made a short presentation

at the SGA meeting on Wednesday about the potential tuition increase. He highlighted some of the cuts that all Vermont State Colleges had to make last year because of the tuition raise. Many schools had to cut travel, positions, and management costs.

According to Cappalli's presentation the tuition could be raised anywhere from three percent to six percent.

Projected Tuition Increase				
	3%	4%	5%	6%
<i>Undergraduate</i>				
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<i>Graduate</i>				
In State	\$309	\$412	\$515	\$617
Out of State	\$667	\$889	\$1,111	\$1,333
NEBHE	\$463	\$617	\$771	\$925
International	\$679	\$905	\$1,131	\$1,357

LSC gets in the spirit of giving

Katelyn Zenie
News Correspondent

Lyndon State College students have the opportunity to spread holiday spirit to children all over the world.

Operation Christmas Child is a program through Samaritan's Purse, a Christian group providing religious and physical help to people in pain around the world. Operation Christmas Child's job is to deliver shoeboxes filled with goods to children in need. Last year alone, 8 million children received shoeboxes. Over 130 countries have received shoeboxes since 1993.

"Operation Christmas Child went really well," said LSC student Taylore Aussiker, who organized the Lyndon chain of Operation Christmas Child. "I was the organizer. I made it an event because I'm an RA. There was really no problem because it was really well organized."

Aussiker got the idea to join Lyndon with Operation

Christmas Child through her Christian Fellowship group that she has been a part of since her freshman year of high school. It was a success for her high school, so Aussiker decided to bring the program to Lyndon.

"People were into it here," she said. "I plan on doing it next year too."

The designated drop-off location for the Lyndonville area was Lyndon Bible Church. Between Nov. 15 - 22, Lyndon students dropped off a total of 8 shoeboxes. There were around 10-15 volunteers for the event that donated gifts and wrapped shoeboxes on Nov. 17.

Some of the gifts that were donated included toys such as small cars, dolls, and stuffed animals, as well as school supplies. Other items that were given were hygiene gifts like toothpaste and mild bar soap, miscellaneous gifts, and personal notes with a picture of the student's family.

The gifts were tagged by gender and age group so they

would be given to the appropriate children. The ultimate goal of the program is to brighten up a child's holiday season, and provide gifts for children who would otherwise have nothing.

"I think Operation Christmas Child and other programs like it is a good idea, especially in this economy," said LSC student Kristen Kuhns. "It is such a great thing when families can call on their communities and all over for help during this special time of year. It's all about the spirit of the season."

"This is a great idea," said LSC student Arianna Millington. "College students can't do a lot, but given the opportunity to give little things to others, and they will. That's what the holiday season is all about."

For more information about Operation Christmas Child and how you can help visit their website at www.samaritanspurse.org.



The decision for a new Hornet will be announced today at 3 p.m. Check lyndonstatecritic.com for the announcement on the new Hornet.

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DEC. 2

*Got a band-aid?

Vail

Medical emergency

*DEC. 3

Woah, man, that's an obstacle.

Wheelock

Marijuana

DEC. 4

*Respect your elders!

Arnold

Threat to a college official

*Get your butts out of here!

Stonehenge Courtyard

Smoking violation

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H.O.P.E. for the holidays

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Critic Editor

Hope is a powerful word that can do many things for many people.

This H.O.P.E. is no different. Helping Other People Everyday is a non-profit organization that serves the North East Kingdom from Newport to Bradford.

The goal and mission of H.O.P.E. is to help support families who have a hard time filling the basic needs of everyday life, according to volunteer Barry Lott.

One program that H.O.P.E. runs every year is a backpack program for local school children. As an underprivileged child is getting off the bus on a Friday afternoon, the driver hands them a backpack containing some simple tools to help them get through the weekend.

These back packs are filled with food, clothing, and hy-

giene products and are given to 50 students from four different schools who may not have access to such items at home. Lott says the program goes a long way to make sure that kids get through the weekend and back to school on Monday.

H.O.P.E. is in operation year-round, but it is, especially busy during the holiday season.

One of the programs that Lott is spending the majority of his time on is a calendar that will be for sale at local businesses. Anyone who purchases the calendar for \$10 is eligible for weekly drawings. The drawings consist of prizes donated from local businesses.

All money that is raised from the calendar project will be donated to help support the local food bank and H.O.P.E. Lott currently has 20 local business's support the calendar project and make a

donation to fund the calendar. The drawings will be held everyday on 97.7 FM and all prizewinners are eligible for to win multiple times.

H.O.P.E. has been around for almost five years. It began when Jody Wheeler started the program in the basement of her husband's sports shop. Lott said that Jody's husband Rick inspired her to start the organization when he donated cleats to underprivileged children so they could play sports.

Santa Claus will be at H.O.P.E. each Friday and Saturday before Christmas collecting toys for underprivileged children.

The store will also be running on extended hours until Christmas as they try to provide the support that local families need during the holiday season.

LSC's political clubs struggle to survive

Aaron Kormos
News Correspondent

As this semester ends and a new one begins, the political clubs on campus struggle to remake themselves.

The College Republicans club is under new management and the Democrats club has yet to take off the ground, but both have plans to broaden their horizons and expand.

"The exec board members have met and we have a constitution but we are waiting until next semester to bring it to SGA," said president of the Democrats club Nora Barney. The club had its first meeting the week before Election Day but hasn't had another meeting since then. Barney said that there wasn't enough time or students willing to participate in the club, but the executive board has been meeting periodically and getting ready to start the club when spring semester commences.

The College Republicans' new beginning is a bit more controversial. Recently the president, vice president, and the secretary all resigned within the same week.

"It was a tough loss. They have been here for a long time. Those guys knew what they were doing and they're friends," said club representative Ian Sullivan.

Former President Brett Rubinate, who is now the club secretary as well as treasurer, felt that it was time for some new blood as president. After Rubinate resigned as president, freshman Dan Weiner was voted in. But not everyone is happy with the new leadership.

"He did a lot of talk and promised a lot of things. But

at this point he hasn't done a thing," said club member Austin Sullivan.

Former Vice President Tyler Kittleman isn't happy with the change either and says that the way Weiner speaks of former leaders is insulting.

"I want to leave the College Republicans in a better position than when I joined when I graduate. But it's going downhill, it only has five members," he said.

According to the Student Government Association, a club needs to have seven members to remain a club, so the College Republicans club is in danger. But President Weiner doesn't feel that it will be a problem and he is actively recruiting for the club. "I want knowledgeable formal people who know what's going on in politics," said Weiner. Weiner says that he is actively using Facebook and other means to attract new members to the club, but that his main plan of action is to get old members who have left the club to come back.

"I came into this running my mouth too much but only because I have high hopes for the club," said Weiner.

He plans on focusing on fundraising next semester in hopes of attending a conservative meeting in Washington D.C. Weiner is also open to working with the Democrat club when it is established, possibly holding debates with them.

Both clubs are facing a critical time, one being established and the other facing demolition. Both have plans to prosper but only time will tell if both, one, or neither will survive.

SGA seeks second fall break

Joseph Peters
News Correspondent

In recent weeks, the SGA has discussed a measure that will bring a second break to the fall semester at Lyndon State College.

The proposal, Resolution 2011-002, was first presented by Nick Russo, the vice president of residential, commuter and non-traditional affairs during the Nov. 10 SGA meeting. According to the text of the resolution, the SGA "believes that there should be an extended fall break in October such as a four day weekend to give students the adequate break within the semester."

The SGA doesn't intend to let the second fall break affect the length of Thanksgiving break, which comes as a relief to some students.

"I guess I'm okay with it, as long as Thanksgiving break is still a week," said Sara Hamelin, a sophomore at LSC. "I could use the extra weekend to see my family."

In addition to the extra break in October, the SGA resolution calls for an extra day off during the semester for "Town Meeting Day." The proposal has gained a substantial amount of steam

in SGA.

"I'm a proponent of it just as a major stress reliever for students," said Associate Dean of Student Affairs Jonathan Davis at the Nov. 10 meeting. "I think we really need this."

Much of the discussion at the Nov. 10 meeting centered on the logistics of a second break. First and foremost, the students would have to make up the extra days somewhere—most likely at the beginning of the semester.

"The SGA realizes that this may mean an earlier start to the fall semester," according to Resolution 2011-002, "but is willing to take that sacrifice."

Precedent for the schedule change already exists within the Vermont State College system. This year, for example, LSC's only major break during the fall semester was the week of Thanksgiving, and the semester began on Aug. 31. Johnson State College, by contrast, was off the week of Oct. 4 in addition to the Thanksgiving break. JSC's fall semester began on Aug. 23.

Currently, LSC is the only VSC school that doesn't take a fall break in October. They

make up for that by reporting a week later than any of the other VSC schools. By adding a fall break and starting a week earlier, LSC's schedule would fall in line with the rest of the state—a move that many in SGA would consider a positive.

"Everyone gets kind of burnt out by mid-October," said commuter representative Margaret George at the Nov. 10 meeting.

The break would provide an opportunity for students to return home and recharge. While residence halls would close, they've been very accommodating for students with a legitimate need for on-campus housing.

According to the resolution, these changes are the result of requests "by both the administration and faculty at Lyndon State College to review the academic calendar."

Still, the schedule change has its share of skeptics.

"People wonder why we're so far behind Europe and Asia when it comes to education," said Sarah Sager, a junior at LSC.

"How many breaks do we need?"



The LSC campus saw its first snowfall of the season Photo by Eric Wayne

Get a life, you seem to be lacking....

Candice Kopec
Critic Staff

This past Sunday I walked down the hall headed towards the library and stepped in front of the door to push it open. For anyone who was there at the same place and time, you might know what happened next.

My hands were covered in something I wasn't so sure of. It turned out to be honey.

Who in their right mind would even think about covering the bottom half of the library door in honey? Obviously someone who had

nothing better to do with their time.

What happened to self control or even respect for that matter? I have to say, I'm sorry for whoever had to clean it up!

We are adults now, attending college in hopes to graduate and start a career we've always dreamed of; the "growing up" part should have already happened.

Therefore, some of these students who choose to be childish should perhaps change routes and go back to high school where this is expected.

Whoever it was who

spent the time and effort to cover the library door in honey might want to reconsider their choice of the college lifestyle that they clearly can't handle.

If you choose to spend your Saturday night drinking alcohol, that's fine, but go somewhere more appropriate, perhaps the bar; the school library certainly isn't the place for you.

And for whoever smeared ketchup in the on-campus bathroom, same applies to you. You should probably reconsider your life choices.

What would happen if

you got caught in the act and had to call up your family, who probably helps pay for you to be here, to tell them that you got caught smearing condiments on school property?

Seems a little elementary to other LSC students and staff.

At this point, it seems that on-campus destructions appear to be alcohol related.

If you can't control your drinking habits or yourself in that matter, maybe you should seek a counselor on campus.

Right now, you are sim-

ply making a fool of yourself and proving that you aren't mature enough to take on the responsibilities as an adult; hence, having morals.

What is worse? Turning someone in because of immature and pathetic pranks or, condoning someone's immature and pathetic pranks because you don't want to look like the bad guy?

If you know who caused these pranks, or any at all, let public safety know, LSC doesn't want or need them.

"Just please, shed some light back on this campus."

Dear Editor,

As of tonight the Financial Controller, Miranda Bushey, has resigned from her position and I must say as a student I am worried.

I have complete faith in John Kleinhans, Rachel Keller, and Dave Daly, but I am worried for the other 1449 students at Lyndon State.

I feel with all the talk of this person impeaching this person, and now an Executive board member resigning is giving the student body little faith in our SGA.

As being a part of SGA myself, I am as well informed as I

need to be about what is going on therefor, I still have hope for our current E-board to turn their reputation around next semester. But this student body needs to start seeing some consistency and some stability within our executive board or the students are going to completely lose all faith in SGA and care less than they even do now.

John, Rachel, and Dave, you all have your work cut out for you but know you are supported, just please shed some light back on this campus.

-Katee Ingram

Third Year Representative

Heated feud during Lyndon State College budget meeting

Dear Editor,

For those who weren't at Wednesday's SGA meeting, we passed a 1,000 dollar request as a donation for the Santa Fund. It turned into a heated feud (like pretty much every other budget request), but there was something different about this request then all the other ones we have during the year. A club representative vowed to raise a thousand dollars to prove how easy it is, if everyone just gives a dollar. This indi-

vidual said he is doing it to give the SGA the money that it "just wasted".

Personally, I'm all for standing up for something and proving your point, but if you are going to raise that money, instead of giving it to the general fund, why not just give it to those who could really use it? There are plenty of different charities that could do great things with money like that, especially in these challenging economic times. For the per-

son who is doing this, whatever money you raise, instead of giving it to SGA to fund some event, I ask that you donate it to either the Santa Fund, or some other organization that would do great things with that money. If you promise to donate the money to charity, I can assure you that you will raise more money and also truly prove your point.

Merry Christmas,
Kevin Kelly

Goodbye LSC and The Critic

Dear Editor and Critic Staff,

As I say goodbye to Lyndon State College and to The Critic, I would like to thank you all for your help this year and in the past two years that I have been a part of the staff.

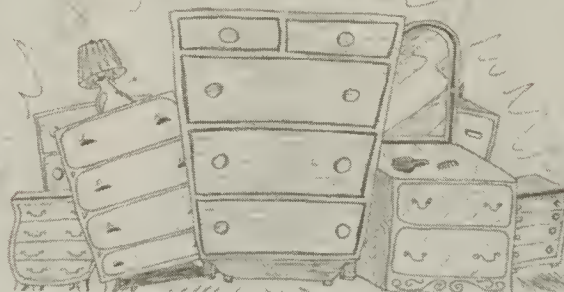
Just in the 3 1/2 years that I have been at Lyndon, I have watched The Critic transform into a quality newspaper with a very talented staff. My experience with The Critic has had its share of ups and downs, but overall, being a part of the staff

has been an unforgettable experience, and one of the best times that I had at Lyndon.

I feel more confident in my abilities, and much more prepared for a journalism career because of the time I have spent on the staff. I wish you the best of luck in the spring, and I know that the paper will be left to a capable staff in the future.

Thank you and best wishes
Sincerely,
Aimee Lawton

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President's Corner: The Plea for Higher Education

An Open Letter to Governor Elect Peter Shumlin

John W. Kleinhans
SGA President



Governor Elect Peter Shumlin,

This is the third year that I've been a student of the Vermont State Colleges system. I've served in a variety of leadership roles and have had the opportunity to see each

college and the specific programs that they offer. I have also had the opportunity to witness the various extracurricular activities that each campus has, and let me tell you that I'm impressed and honored to be part of this system.

This upcoming year is an important and crucial year for the VSC as our appropriated stimulus money has run out, and there is much uncertainty as to where the legislature will appropriate funds. Each year, within the state appropriations budget there is far more emphasis on the K-12 budget, rather than the state higher education budget.

During your campaign, you made a promise of universal preschool. I respectfully disagree with your promise, because there should be a greater emphasis put on the higher education here in Vermont. I am asking you to consider increasing funding to the VSC.

What is our largest export as a state? The clear cut answer is our young people. They are finding opportunities elsewhere and are leaving the Green Mountain State with their potential paychecks and ideas in their back pocket. We rank almost last in higher education spending throughout the entire country,

while our K-12 ranks in the top ten. It is time for a commitment to higher education and I hope that you consider an increase in appropriations.

Respectfully,
John Whitman Kleinhans

Student Body President
Lyndon State Collège

See you next semester!

This is The Critic's final issue of the Fall semester. We hope you enjoyed reading as much as we enjoyed putting it together.

If you are interested in joining our team this spring, contact Sam Monroe, Editor at: samuel.monroe@lyndonstate.edu

Have a great break!

Marijuana: Obstacle or not?

Ethan Mitchell
Critic Staff

"Marijuana use is a debate that stretches far beyond the reaches of our campus, and spills forth onto a much wider state and national scale." – anonymous Lyndon student.

The "Marijuana Is An Obstacle" campaign first appeared last fall to much the interest and appeal of students on campus, both negative and positive. The campaign aims to inform, educate, and serve the students of Lyndon State College. Their displays are elaborate and creative, engaging students on campus by creating an obstacle that we as students, must detour around thus demonstrating, as Candice Kopec explained in last week's issue of The Critic, "that marijuana can cause obstacles while trying to make it through school; or life in general for that matter."

They use what they call "Dope Slap" and "Perception vs. reality" to inform students of the primary and secondary effects of marijuana use and aim to disclose that the drug, more or less, lowers your chances of success, makes you anxious and paranoid, and destroys relationships with friends and family; essentially, this campaign aims to inform students that marijuana is a drug that will ultimately ruin the lives of the users.

Perception vs. reality: The "Marijuana Is An Obstacle" campaign.

What marijuana awareness groups don't understand is that the debate on marijuana is much larger than the "Marijuana Is An Obstacle" campaign, and others like

it.

Effects and Legality

The fact of the matter is marijuana has varied affects on each individual user. In fact, I would challenge that marijuana can improve the quality of life as well as sustain life for some patients – in fact, if I recall, Vermont legalized the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes in 2004 for this exact reason. We are only one of the thirteen states that permit medicinal marijuana. Marijuana can be used to treat such illnesses and diseases as glaucoma, HIV / AIDS, cancer, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, and more – and the list continues to grow. Marijuana help subdue symptoms such as nausea, seizures, loss of appetite, aches, pains, anxiety (contrary to causing it), and migraines.

In a 2009 article by Ken Picard in Seven Days, Picard reports that "the state has seen no spikes in larcenies, assaults, car accidents, teen drug use or organized crime." Be a skeptic if you must, but if marijuana can improve the life of those who are terminally ill, it only goes to prove that there are indeed, benefits in marijuana use regardless of if it is for medical or recreational use. Marijuana still needs to be extensively researched though, so that we can better understand the psychological functions of the many active ingredients in marijuana, which contrary to popular belief, is not just THC.

Perception vs. reality: The "Marijuana Is An Obstacle" campaign.

The "Marijuana Is An Obstacle" campaign conveniently disregards the fact that medicinal marijuana has

been improving lives in Vermont since 2004.

Clearly, marijuana use is illegal outside of medicinal scenarios and to receive a conviction for possession will result in legal consequences. The "Marijuana Is An Obstacle" campaign points out that possession will "limit your ability to travel freely, bear arms, get a job, an apartment, or receive financial aid or a student loan." Apparently "roughly half" of the students at Lyndon State College are unaware that committing a felony can change his or her life, but I find that hard to believe. Smoking marijuana is illegal, and breaking the law results in consequences – it is naïve, even offensive, to say that Lyndon State students are oblivious to the way our country's legal system works.

Perception vs. reality: The "Marijuana Is An Obstacle" campaign.

Community Effects

"Dope Slap: Marijuana users put their entire community's health at risk." How you ask? Well "Marijuana Is An Obstacle" is here to inform you: the use of marijuana disrupts roommate sleeping patterns, causes a drop in effective teamwork, and causes pervasive laziness. Here though, is the reality: marijuana affects these aspects of life within the community just as much as alcohol, cigarettes, and most importantly, individual personality. Productivity and the respect of rights fall under this same category: they can be affected more so by the individual personality of a person, rather than through the use of marijuana. Marijuana does not control who we are.

Perception vs. reality: The

"Marijuana Is An Obstacle" campaign.

What the campaign fails to inform us is that many all of these aspects of community are affected by numerous factors other than drugs.

Health Risks

The "Marijuana Is An Obstacle" campaign is a mediocre attack on marijuana and its users; a scare, that without surprise, falls flat. "Dope Slap: The health risks of marijuana use are real." We are educated. Smoking, in all fields, is unhealthy; it is unnatural to inhale smoke, and yes, it can have detrimental effects on the lungs – just like tobacco, air pollution, and common bacteria and viruses. The fact that "66.9% of Lyndon students [surveyed] think marijuana is a harmless drug" can be interpreted like this: the long and short term side effects of marijuana are much less harmful when compared to other drugs such as crack cocaine, methamphetamine, and opium.

Perception vs. reality: The "Marijuana Is An Obstacle" campaign.

Those who support the campaign ignore the very real benefits of marijuana for medicinal use and choose rather to focus on negative effects the drug can have in some instances.

"Everyone is Doing It."

Perception vs. reality: The LSC survey data." Survey says: "only 20% of students reported being heavy pot smokers." The "Marijuana Is An Obstacle" campaign posted results of the LSC drug survey revealing that only 20% of students surveyed replied that they smoke pot regularly. Interestingly enough, the display implied

that those who use marijuana do it because "everyone's doing it." Well, it doesn't look like everyone is doing it, now does it? Ultimately, marijuana use is completely a personal choice, just like the clothes you wear and the music you listen to. We are not peer pressured into listening to music we don't enjoy; therefore, we won't use a drug we feel uncomfortable with. Obstacle? – only if you choose to make it one.

Perception vs. reality: The "Marijuana Is An Obstacle" campaign.

Those working for the "Marijuana Is An Obstacle" campaign don't know the responses of the hundreds of students who didn't fill out the survey.

We are educated, and that may be the real obstacle; we are taught not to believe everything we are told and to challenge that with which we disagree. The marijuana debate is growing and it is time to pick sides. My only piece of advice is to do the research on your own, analyze and scrutinize it carefully, and form your own opinions on the matter. A survey of 175 students, of the some odd 1500 attending the college, is not sustainable in any legitimate debate – the focus group is simply too small, and does not accurately represent the student body to its greatest potential. We must also look past the borders of our campus, and recognize that the issue at hand is much larger than abolishing the substance on our campus. Most importantly, make sure that your opinion is heard – because it does matter.

White works hard for green and gold



Above: Naomi White moves the ball up the court in their game last Tuesday vs. St. Joseph's. Bottom right: White reacts after taking a contested jump shot. Photos by Brian Barber

Phil Alexander
News Correspondent

Lyndon State College athlete Naomi White knows how to lead a team: she's the captain for both the basketball and soccer teams.

Women's basketball head coach Vinnie Maloney saw that White was a leader from the moment that she stepped onto the LSC campus.

"Naomi has been a leader since her freshman year. She was a silent leader her freshman year, but her leadership has evolved the longer that has she played on the team," Maloney said. The quiet leadership she displayed early on in college has blossomed into active leadership, not only on the court and field, but also off of it.

White was a student ambassador during her sophomore year and is currently a

peer leader, working with new LSC students. Stephanie Barclay, a fellow captain of the Lady Hornet's basketball team, thinks that White's attitude has a positive effect on

them before that time. I think the reason for this is that my family was and is really involved in athletics. We have a competitive edge to us," White said.

White's family came into play once again when she was deciding on where to attend college. Originally, White thought that she was going to attend the University

of Vermont, but decided to attend LSC because of the scholarship she was offered and because she could play basketball with her older sister for one more year. Lyndon State College also reminds White of her life growing up.

"I graduated with a class size of about 25, and Lyndon definitely provided the community

comfort that I had in high school," White said.

White's connection to sports lasts not only while she plays them, but inside the classroom as well. White's major is Exercise Science, in which she studies how a person can stay active and healthy. White takes an interest in Exercise Science because of her deep connection with sports.

"My love for sports is really what helped me decide on my major. I have been so involved with athletics all of my life, so I couldn't really imagine doing anything different. Exercise Science helps tie me back to my passion," White said. When it comes to life off the court, Coach Maloney sees White the same way he sees her on the court.

"The best word to describe Naomi's personality is 'genuine.' She is as dedicated to sports as she is to her academics," Maloney said. White was awarded the pres-

tigious Lyndon Champions of Character award at the 2009-2010 LSC athletic banquet. In addition to that acknowledgment, White was named the MVP of the women's basketball team, received the Dudley Bell Outstanding Female Athlete of the Year award, and was an LSC scholar-athlete award winner with at least a 3.3 GPA.

In her free time, White enjoys spending time with her family and friends. Outside of spending times with ones that are close to her, White also likes to relax by watching movies, painting, or drawing. Barclay, a personal friend of White's, thinks that White is a great friend to have.

"Off the court, Naomi is the best friend that anyone could ask for. Although she seems so rough on the court, she is one of the biggest goofballs I know. She is truly a well-rounded person," Barclay said.

"The best word to describe Naomi's personality is 'genuine'"
-Vinnie Maloney

the team.

"Naomi is always working and it motivates others to work as well," Barclay said. "We all look up to her in some way, and that is why she is a captain." White is known as a fierce competitor in any sport she plays, and that comes from her family.

"I began playing sports in school around the third grade, but I was definitely playing

lead the Hornets to the win. Danielle Lafont chipped in nine points, all from behind the arc.

After dismantling Bay Path, Lyndon got back to work on Tuesday vs. an anemic St. Joseph's team and won 77-30. St. Joseph's only had six players on their roster coming into the game and were quickly tired out by the Hornet's attack.

Lawson stepped up big again, picking up the double-double with 17 points and 11 assists in the win. Naomi White scored 12 points and nine boards, while Lafont helped out her teammates with a game high nine assists. The women played the

final home game of the fall portion of their schedule on Thursday vs. Plymouth State College. Against a team that's considerably stronger than the opponents LSC faced in their previous four games, they lost by a 76-68 margin.

The lady Hornets play one more game this semester at New England College on Saturday. They return to home action on Jan. 6 to play Norwich before an away game at Middlebury on Jan. 9. Then the real test begins; the NAC conference games. We'll have more on those matchups after the break.

Hockey

Lyndon's club hockey team currently holds a 2-6

record after some close losses. The team lost 8-7 to Castleton State College on Dec. 1.

LSC then played a home game against Worcester Polytechnic Institute on Dec. 3, and lost by one point again, this time by a 6-5 margin. The team traveled to New

London, Conn. on Dec. 5 and defeated the United States Coast Guard Academy 6-2.

The hockey team's next game will be tonight at home at 8 p.m. vs. Castleton. On Saturday, the team travels to WPI for the final game prior to break.



Hornet report: women's basketball, hockey

Nick Russo
Sports Editor

Women's Basketball

The Lyndon State women's basketball team has been on a roll of late, winning four of its last five non-conference contests for a North Atlantic Conference leading 4-2 record.

In the last week, the lady Hornets won two home games against Bay Path College and the college of St. Joseph's (Vt.) before dropping a game vs. Plymouth State.

On Friday Dec. 4, the team defeated a winless Bay Path College team by a score of 65-36. Donna Lawson had 15 points and six assists to

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Men's basketball close, not close enough

Eric Blaisdell
Critic Staff

The LSC men's basketball team is off to a bumpy start.

The Hornets, currently at 1-6, have had a difficult schedule to start the season. While not happy with the record, competing against good teams is what men's coach Joe Krupinski wants.

"We've played some really tough teams," said Krupinski. "One of the reasons we did that was so that over time we would improve to when we start playing the games that matter. So hopefully that's going to get us ready for the second semester when we play our conference games."

The season is going to get harder before it gets easier with games against Division I Brown University, on Jan. 8, and Middlebury, on Jan. 9, who was ranked ninth in the Division III preseason poll.

The men's basketball team lost a heartbreaker on Dec. 7 to College of St. Joseph 64-62. The Hornets led most of the game, but found themselves down in the final minute. Freshman Phil Warrick made a layup with 7.6 seconds remaining in the

game to put LSC on top 62-61. St. Joseph's Jamie Rajda came back and hit a pull up three-pointer with 2.6 seconds left to put the Saints up 64-62, and in doing so deflated the Stannard Gymnasium. The Hornets tried to inbound the ball full court in the final seconds, but were unsuccessful in making the final shot. The Hornets lost to a tough Plymouth State team 87-77 on Thursday.

The main problems for the Hornets have been shutting down players on the defensive end of the court as well as focus day in and day out.

"We need to stop people better on defense which was our concern going into the year," said Krupinski. "We're showing the signs of a younger team where some days we're in it and some days we're not. If we come with a consistent effort everyday we're going to have a decent second half of the year."

The offense, however, has been keeping the team in games. The Hornets are currently third in the North Atlantic Conference at 71.1 points per game. Warrick was recently named rookie of the week in the North Atlantic

Conference twice, and is helping lead that offense with his 15.1 points per game, which is currently fifth best in the NAC.

"We haven't been shut out because of our offense," says Warrick. "We just need to clean up the little mistakes."

Coach Krupinski likes what he sees from the offense.

"We've moved the ball better and played better on offense," says Krupinski. "We've been getting the ball inside a lot better the last couple of games."

With the first in conference game on Jan. 14 against Husson there is plenty of time for improvement. Warrick sees the team making progress through the strife.

"Everybody has their roles and are getting it," Warrick said. "Instead of at the beginning of the season when everybody struggled with what they needed to do."

He sees that this team can get better and be a contender in the NAC.

"We know what our potential is," says Warrick. "We know the level that we can play."



Phil Warrick drives to the hoop for a lay-up. Photos by Bryan Barber

Snow sports here on campus

Kevin Lessard
News Correspondent

When fresh white snow covers the ground, students should be ready for their favorite winter activities and be cautious while enjoying the winter wonderland.

Many people on campus like to participate in winter activities. With the availability of Burke Mountain near campus, students have access to a great mountain with 45 trails. If you don't have the money, you could instead go snowboarding and skiing right here on campus. Before you do so, however, you need to make sure you are doing so the right way.

The first thing you want to do before you decide to ski or snowboard on campus is make sure you are picking a safe spot to do so.

"Every year it (snowboarding on campus) happens," said George Hacking, director of Public Safety here at LSC. "We really only enforce snow sports and stop them on campus if they become unsafe."

Places such as stairs and railings are areas that students are not allowed to ski and snowboard. Otherwise, places such as the Rita Bole hill and President's Hill are great places to ski or snowboard.

If you decide to snowboard or ski on campus in an off-limits area, there will be consequences.

"The first time you are caught in an area that is unsafe, a public safety officer will just ask you to stop," said Hacking. "If you are caught on a second or third offense, you will be written up, and your snowboard or skis may be confiscated."

Hacking gave some reasons as to why students are not allowed to ski or snowboard on rails and stairs.

"First, you could do damage to property on campus while you are skiing or snowboarding," Hacking said. "Also, it is a matter of safety, and the college can be held responsible if you are injured."

Hacking also added that although it is not required, it is encouraged to wear a helmet to better protect yourself from possible injuries.

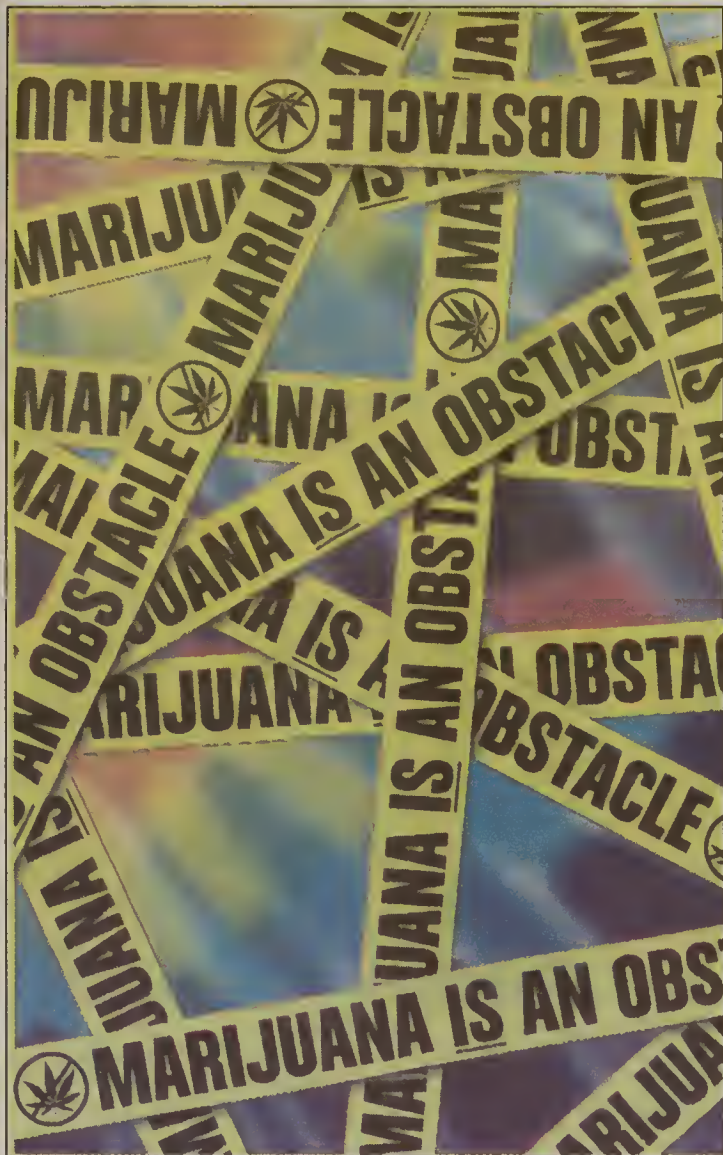
Many students feel that they are able to ride on campus, and that public safety is in not getting in the way of them doing so.

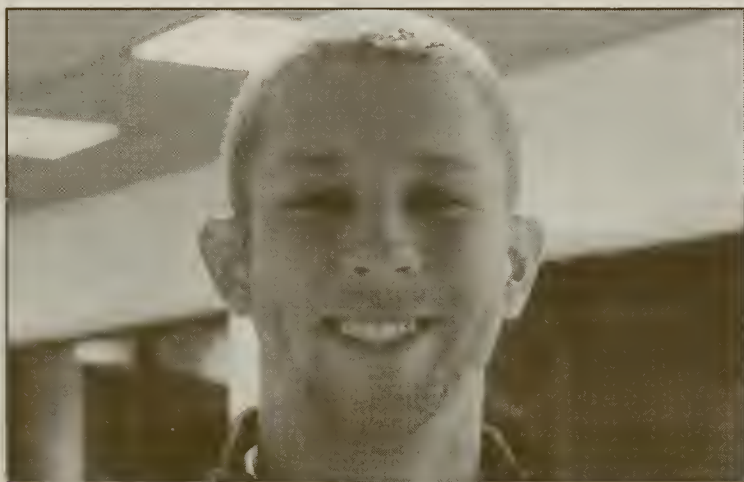
"The club for snowboarding and skiing here on campus does a great job of working with public safety to make sure that the rail jams are safe," said Jackson Stewart, a sophomore who has been snowboarding for 13 years. "I don't snowboard on campus, but from what I have seen, they do a pretty good job of keeping students safe."

Even the students who don't ski or snowboard feel Public Safety has done a good job not interfering.

"It seems like everyone who does ski or snowboard on campus has no complaints," said Ed Horan, a sophomore who does not ski or ride.

There are plenty of other activities that are also allowed on campus. Sledding and tubing are allowed, as long as you follow the same rules for skiing and snowboarding. As long as you are following the rules and staying safe, just make sure you do one more thing while enjoying the winter season; Have fun!





"I look over all the notes and go to the library for a few hours."

Charlie Jobin
Sophomore, Criminal Justice



"This weekend I'm planning on going to the library. Luckily, my teachers give out study guides."

Margaret George
Sophomore, Psychology and Human Services

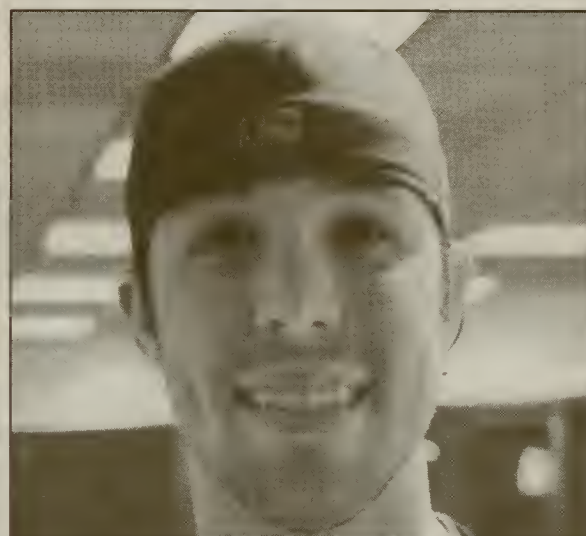
"Writing a lot of papers."

Tori Loyer
Senior, English-creative writing



"I'm getting help from the wonderful Excel staff."

Vince Keithan
Junior, Business and Social Science



"I don't sleep."

Shane O'Donnell-Leach
Junior, Physical Therapy



"I try to have fun and not think about them."

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Kick the habit with new strategies

Robert Trucott
News Correspondent

Students who may be looking to quit smoking have many options to explore to help them do so.

"With November 18 being the Great American Smoke Out day here in the U.S., it makes November the month many people try to quit their habit of smoking," said Brown House Nurse Abby Provost.

However, even with the Great American Smoke Out in effect throughout November, there were still smoking problems found here on campus.

"People may not be telling the truth when they come to the Brown House and are asked about whether or not they are smokers," Provost said. "The majority of them say that they don't and that quitting smoking isn't really the reason why they are coming in."

"Not many people come in for reasons such as smok-

ing and I can't personally tell if they are or not," she said.

Provost said that the Brown House does not offer many available options for students who are looking to quit smoking. Students who do go in to quit are referred to Rose Harper at the free service offered at Northern Vermont Regional Hospital. Once there they are given free stop-smoking devices such as Nicorette gum and Patches.

"Smoking is one of the worst things a person can do to his or her body," Provost said. "Smoking not only has proven to be dangerous to one's own health, but it also has much to do with one's own job security as it may shorten life expectancy greatly."

She added that smoking causes heart disease and lung cancer by building up plaque in one's body, and that she feels very strongly about the topic not smoking, as it has proven to cause more deaths per year than any other factor

here in the United States.

There are no legal limitations given to the Brown House about the services it can offer to students who come to ask questions about not smoking; however, they would rather send the students to the hospital where they can receive free devices to help them quit. They are also directed to the "Quit Hotline."

Provost suggests that students who are cutting back on how much they smoke should be doing things like going for walks or other activities to take your mind off of the cravings. Provost also said that the cost factor of cigarettes should also catch the attention of smokers who are considering quitting.

"Many people in the Northeast Kingdom smoke for several reasons, but the most common reasons I have found come from the peer pressure of friends," said Provost.

She also believes parents are influential in their kids' choices.

"Parents who smoke are also making it seem like it's OK to smoke because they too are heavy smokers and have been since they were 14 or 15 years old," she said.

Receptionist Paula Chamberlin says that she can tell when someone is a smoker when they come to the Brown House.

"There are definitely less and less people coming into the Brown House all the time who I can tell are smokers. It has really turned in the right direction from where we were at ten years ago, when there were tons of people smoking," Chamberlin said. "I notice smoking here on campus but not even close to how bad it has been in the past."

This further proves that the news about smoking being harmful for one's health may finally be getting to people.

"We direct those who have smoking issues to NVRH most of the time," said Chamberlin. "People are taking classes, stop-smoking de-

vices and other ways of quitting smoking for free nowadays."

"As smoking is still found at LSC, and many students know that it is bad for them, they still rarely go to the Brown House to get help," Chamberlin said. "Non-smoking issues are definitely not the common reasons why people come here."

"People smoke out in front of the new building here at LSC all the time. I see at least 4-5 people smoking outside every day," LSC Shayne Kirby said. "They aren't smoking anything illegal, but they are definitely smoking cigarettes a lot."

Kirby is not affected by the amount of smoking that he sees on campus.

"It's not really my problem that the students are smoking a lot. It's not my lungs that are going to be destroyed and suffocated in the long run," he said.

Four Loko: here's the new status

Kriston Hall
Critic Staff

Ever since Four Loko hit the shelves it has been a big topic of debate; from college kids raving and raging with it and about it, to concerned parents battling every sale.

Now that the drink has been banned in a number of states and the hype about the danger has somewhat diminished, people are asking "What's next?"

The answer is simple: more Four Loko. Well, kind

of. Phusion Projects, the company responsible for Four Loko, is re-releasing the drink in a censored form. Phusion Projects announced its intent to reformulate and re-release its products free of caffeine, guarana and taurine nationwide.

"We are taking this step after trying - unsuccessfully - to navigate a difficult and politically-charged regulatory environment at both the state and federal levels....We hoped that clear, consistent, industry-wide standards regulating pre-packaged caffeinated al-

coholic beverages would be the outcome of these conversations," said Phusion co-founders Chris Hunter, Jeff Wright and Jaisen Freeman in a statement released to the public.

The change comes following an FDA warning letter sent to four of the top makers of alcoholic energy drinks, saying the mixture of caffeine with alcohol in their products is an "unsafe food additive."

"We have repeatedly contended - and still believe, as do many people throughout the country - that the combi-

nation of alcohol and caffeine is safe. If it were unsafe, popular drinks like rum and colas or Irish coffees that have been consumed safely and responsibly for years would face the same scrutiny that our products have recently faced," said Phusion.

Phusion Projects is trying to stay ahead of the curb by following the FDA's request despite its belief in the products safety.

"By taking this action today, we are again demonstrating leadership, cooperation and responsible

corporate citizenship," said Phusion.

Whether or not this is responsible or correct, actions remain to be seen as Four Loko 2.0 has yet to hit the shelves. Will the drink have the same opposition without the energy? Just because it isn't in the drink already doesn't mean consumers won't add a Red Bull or Amp on their own to gain the desired effect. One this is certain however, Four Loko isn't going away without a fight any time soon.



Fall 2010

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SGA continued...

President of AMS Sam Couture explained that the club was found to be in debt last year, and worked through the process to get out. She was concerned that, if the allegations are true, other clubs are not being handled the same way.

"We're not here to point fingers. We just want to question why the constitution was not followed," she said.

Kleinhans explained that when he and Keller took office, there were issues between the college's numbers and the SGA's.

"When we took office, the financial house upstairs of the entire college...their books

were not in line. When that problem is fixed and figured out, all the proper procedures will take place," he said.

"That's what we're working on right now. Everything is going to be straightened out."

"That member of our executive board wasn't necessarily privy to all of the meetings we have had with other clubs," Keller added. "We have sat down with the clubs, he or you are referring to, and we have taken the appropriate steps."

"The allegations about me, and about Rachel, although they are separate allegations, are not true," Kleinhans said.

The AMS club stays active



Above: The AMS club poses for a group photo. The club's average yearly membership weighs in at over 60.

-Right: AMS members on Spring Day earlier this year. Clubs take advantage of Spring Day by holding events in the hopes of attracting new members and showing what they're about to the community.

Photos courtesy of AMS

Emilie Lariviere
Entertainment Editor

The American Meteorological Society Club (AMS) may have a lot of atmospheric science majors, but it's open to any student with an interest in weather.

"It is one of the biggest and most active clubs on campus," said Ben Siskind, the club's public relations officer. "We're awesome."

The club began in the early 1970s at Lyndon State College. It currently meets on the first Wednesday of every month.

The club has an executive board consisting of seven members: president Samantha Couture, vice president Matt Dipirro, secretary George Krauszer, treasurer Laura Lenfest, community outreach Garrett Combs, historian Alison Ciaramitaro, and Ben Siskind.



skind. On average, the club has 60-70 members per year.

Anyone who has an interest in weather is welcome to join. The club requires \$10 in dues, and to be an active member you need to attend 2/3 of the meetings and help with at least five events per year. If anyone has an interest in joining they can speak with anyone on the executive board for more information.

Recently, the club actively worked through debt procedures to get back in good standing with the SGA.

Members participate in

Spring Day and the club fair to help get their club name out on campus, as well as gather new members. The club hosts events on campus throughout the year, some related to weather such as the first inch contest, and some just for fun such as the talent show, car wash, and the winter ball in February. Members also attend an annual storm conference in March.

The talent show is at 7:00 p.m. tonight in the Alexander Twilight Theatre. There are 16 acts participating.

The forgotten album review



Justin Golschneider
Critic Staff

Album: Prophet of the Last Eclipse
Artist: Luca Turilli
Year: 2002
Suggested by: Matt Rickert

Welcome to the Forgotten Album Review, where we take the music the world

missed out on and bring it to the light! This week's album is 'Prophet of the Last Eclipse,' a lesser-known side project by Rhapsody of Fire guitarist Luca Turilli. A symphonic power metal sci-fi/fantasy epic, it offers everything you could ask for from the genre.

Music: Generally, one ex-

pects the guitar to dominate in metal, but Turilli makes such extensive use of orchestra and keyboards that it spends at least as much time in the background as it does in the limelight. Many of the lead melodies are played on keyboard, strings, brass or even accordion to give the album a sweeping diversity of sounds. When the guitar does get to shine, the rapid riffs and swift solos never disappoint.

The combined effect is powerful and dramatic, so much so that many listeners will likely feel overwhelmed. If you like fast-paced music and being surrounded by more sounds than you can keep track of, this is the album for you.

Lyrics and vocals: The vocals are almost as varied as the instruments, with the lead usually taken by high-range male singing but in rare occasions by female vocals. On top of everything else is a full choir of male and female singers, usually used to set an

ominous or desperate tone at the beginning of the song or to add more strength to a soaring chorus. Of course, it just wouldn't be complete without ominous chanting in Latin, and there's plenty of that too.

The lyrics are one continuous sci-fi tragedy, telling the story of the fallen hero Arkan and antivillain Sania. The story itself is hard to follow, as Turilli had to make the choice between being poetic and being easy to understand and decided on the former. Whether the lyrics add even more to an awe-inspiring experience or turn the whole album into an overdramatic nerdfest is up to the listener.

Variety: If you think keyboards, a full orchestra, a choir, and the full complement of metal instruments aren't variety enough, you're probably insane. But just in case you are, Turilli threw in things like slow songs, atmospheric and experimental sections, and Italian folk. A blend of major and minor keys pre-

vents the album from sounding either too dark or too sugary.

Originality: This is the guitarist of a symphonic power metal band going off and making his own symphonic power metal band. However, the greater focus on orchestral instruments in 'Prophet of the Last Eclipse' gives it a very different feel from most other symphonic power metal, truly living up to the genre's name.

The story is surprisingly original, and the characters are relatively well-developed considering the short time available for telling it. A few of the lines sound like they were torn right out of golden age sci-fi and can be painfully nerdy, especially when the singer names and classifies fictional starships or solar systems, but as a whole it's well-done and memorable.

Final word: Powerful, fast-paced, and well-orchestrated, Prophet of the Last Eclipse is all kinds of fun to listen to. Thumbs up!



Photo by Emilie Lariviere

Leani Lopez finishing the final touches of the LSC Christmas tree.

Eating with Em

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Chef's Corner

Classes are finally finished and finals are quickly approaching. Take a break and make this delicious snack that will give you energy to study for those finals; or perhaps try this recipe while you're home with your friends and family over the break. This recipe is easy to try and very delicious. I hope all of you have a great break. I hope you have enjoyed this semester's food column and look forward to it next semester. Happy Holidays!

What's cooking in the kitchen?

Candy Cane Brownies

Ingredients:
1 1/2 cups Sugar
1/4 tsp Salt
1 cup Flour

3/4 cup Butter
12 ounces unsweetened Cocoa Powder
3 large Eggs
1 tsp Vanilla
1/2 cup warm Milk
10 Candy Canes

Instructions:

Pre-heat oven at 350, mix together eggs, butter, and sugar, add milk and vanilla. Mix in all dry ingredients just until incorporated. Take an 8x8 well greased pan and pour the batter into it, set aside. Take the candy canes and crush them all up in tiny pieces. (The best ways to do this is put them all in a zip lock bag and take a hammer and let out all of your stress from your finals). Sprinkle candy cane pieces on top of the brownie batter. Bake for 30-45 minutes or until center comes out clean.

If you have any questions or recipes you want to submit you can email me at: emilie.lariviere@lyndonstate.edu.

Well folks, 'tis the season....

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It is that time of year again, the time to be thankful, jolly and downright done with classes.

We are ending the long haul, folks; soon no more classes and a month off from the wonderful world of learning. I for one can say I earned it and I know so many of you can say the same. Give the last week or so all you got! Ace those finals and get the grades that bring home the bacon! Do your best, study, sleep and take the test. I hope you all do well and pass all your classes.

The coming holiday for many of us will bring friends and family together. I for one couldn't give a damn about presents or money. I care about seeing my family and friends. Over the years I realized it's not about the cash I get from grandma, the video game I get from my dad or the nice dress shirt I get from mom. It's about the time I get to spend with my whole family.

Christmas has been the same for me each year since I can remember and I wouldn't change it one bit. Christmas Eve, our family comes together and has the biggest feast and a Yankee swap that

gets the whole family to laugh and "steal."

To all that read this, have a happy and safe holiday season. Enjoy your time with family and friends because in the end, they are all that matter. It's not how much someone spends on you or if they got you what you wanted. It's the feeling of being close and having a great time with those you love. I hope that you all can have a great holiday season and be surrounded with family and friends. Take care, be safe, and for goodness sake enjoy the upcoming holiday and enter the New Year with one hell of a bang!

What's happening on campus?

Today

LSC December Graduation at 3 p.m. in ATT

Talent Show at 7 p.m. in ATT \$5 at the door

Luau Dance Party 8 p.m.-12 a.m. in ASAC 100 \$2 admissions

Saturday

Lyndon Strikers and SGA Present: Academic Bowling from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. at the Gold Crown Lanes Free Bowling for Lyndon State Students

Holiday Potluck from 6-8 p.m. in the RBC community

room

Monday

Yoga at 7 p.m. in the Burke Mountain Room

Anytime

Climbing Wall 7-10 p.m., everyday

What's going on in the Ville?

Tonight

Lyndon Institute's dance recital at 7 p.m. admission by donation

Saturday

Burke Mountain Opens

Hiking, Sledding, Cross Country Skiing, and the list goes on

Catamount Movies:

Waiting for Superman and

The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest

plays nightly at 7 p.m. as well as Sunday at 1:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. Free to LSC students.

Holiday horoscopes

Aquarius - January 20 - February 18

Remember the pony you wanted when you were a kid? Well, your letter got lost in the mail and Santa got it 15 years late. Better get in touch with your RHD and check on the pony policy.

Pisces - February 19 - March 20

Your mom is gearing up to try something new for Christmas dinner. Prepare yourself.

Aries - March 21 - April 19

Get some friends to help move that Christmas tree with you, or you'll end up on the floor covered in sap. Not good.

Taurus - April 20 - May 20

Your grandmother is going to

get run-over by a reindeer.

Gemini - May 21 - June 20

Terrible news: Santa is going to get your school address and home address mixed up. Good news: Coming back to Rogers in the spring just got a whole lot better!

Cancer - June 21 - July 22

You will see Mommy kissing Santa Claus, sorry.

Leo - July 23 - August 22

Remember: batteries aren't always included. Stock up before the holidays so you're not stuck with gifts you can't play with!

Virgo - August 23 - September 22

Baby, it's cold outside...

Libra - September 23 - October 22

Egg nog? Or Four Loko? Choose wisely.

Scorpio - October 23 - November 21

You're getting coal.

Sagittarius - November 22 - December 21

After last years episode, Santa is a little bit scared to come down the chimney with Sparky on the loose. When you go to sleep on Christmas Eve, bring your dog in your room with you and shut the door.

Capricorn - December 22 - January 19

He knows when you're sleeping, he knows when you're awake...

Watch out for winter slippage

Kenneth Potwin
Critic Staff

With the winter months fast approaching, many Vermonters are looking forward to the snow and the activities it brings, but there are also concerns that come with the winter wonderland.

On average, Vermont gets 78.8 inches of snow per year, with most of it falling between the months of December and March. Many people appreciate Vermont for its snow-filled winters; as it means winter sports such as skiing, snowboarding, and even sledding. However, the winter months also bring severe road conditions that can prove fatal at times to those driving the roads of the Northeast Kingdom.

While much of Vermont is considered rural, the Northeast Kingdom is especially so. Many of the towns are spread miles apart, often times through woods or over mountains. Such a drive describes the trip that LSC student Cameron Marcoux takes on his daily commute from Island Pond.

"I live about 35 minutes

from the college," says Marcoux. "I have to travel over the Sheffield Heights, then through East Haven, East Burke and finally Lyndonville. The worst part of the drive is through the Heights- It's not always easy to make my way over a mountain with tight winding turns." Roads like this make for dangerous driving conditions at any time of the year, but in winter it gets worse. Marcoux believes that clear road conditions are very important for his commute during the winter months.

"The road over Sheffield Heights isn't in great condition at any time of the year, but in winter it's a lot worse," Marcoux said. "I think they do a fairly good job of keeping the roads clear of snow. There's a lot of area to cover, but most of the time the roads have at least been cleared before I begin my commute."

While clear roads do increase traction and ultimately promote safer driving during the winter, sometimes that is still not enough to keep drivers on the road.

"We respond to roughly 70 automobile accidents during



Cars sit in the Wheelock parking lot Thursday afternoon. Some cars have yet to be brushed off from this week's snowfall

the winter months," said Mark Podgwaite, a staff member of Lyndonville's Lyndon Rescue. "Most of them are just simple slide offs though with little to no injuries."

Even though many winter automobile accidents are not fatal, careful driving is a must in wintry conditions; and for many, the commute, even in the worst conditions, is a necessity.

"I feel like I'm a decent driver and everything," said Marcoux about braving the storms to commute to his classes, "But sometimes it's awful out there. It's not fun to drive when you can't even see. Occasionally though I have to make risky decisions. If the weather is terrible outside, but I don't feel like I can skip the class... I have to brave the storm."

Though driving under

harsh winter conditions is sometimes a necessity, precautions can help ensure safety during your commute. Winter tires can make a huge difference, and driving slower than the posted speed limit can increase control and limit skidding on slick, icy roads. With precautions like these, drivers are likely to stay safe and make their commute with relative ease.



Carhartt now on sale in the Bookstore.



Burke Mountain gears up

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With temperatures dropping and snow starting to fall, Lyndonville's premier skiing destination is gearing up for another season of winter excitement.

Burke Mountain, located just seven miles from campus in East Burke, is preparing for nearly its 50-year anniversary of offering winter recreation to people of all ages. The mountain boasts 2,011 feet of vertical skiing and snowboarding. It consists of 45 trails and glades as well as three terrain parks, all of which will be accessible to riders on the mountain's projected opening date, Dec. 11. However, before Burke opens its lifts this year, some new features are being added to the mountain.

"This winter we will be getting a few fan guns to test out at the base area and mid Burke," said Hannah Collins, the marketing and events manager. "These fans will make snow a lot faster than the previous ones, so we are very excited."

Burke Mountain has the technology in place to cover roughly 80 percent of the mountain; however, the

snowmakers are not the only new features to Burke Mountain this season. According to Collins, Steve Mahon, Burke's Terrain Park Manager (and LSC alum), has been working on improving some features on the mountain's terrain park, and building new additions that will be unveiled when the mountain opens.

In the upcoming season, Burke Mountain will be working with LSC's Campus Activities Board to hold a series of ski days for LSC students. They will also be hosting the first stop of the East Coast Snocross Tour, a snowmobile event that tours Vermont, New Hampshire and New York, along with stops in Canada as well. With the opening fast approaching, Lyndonville residents and LSC students are preparing for what they feel is going to be a great winter.

"The coming season is looking to be a good one for skiing, and for Burke," said Stephen Boucher, an LSC student and avid skier. "I've heard this is a La Nina winter, which normally means huge dumps of snow, and what skier doesn't like huge amounts of snow?"